RESOLUTION 2018-095

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO RECEIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT/HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT "OPERATION STONEGARDEN" FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 FOR FEDERAL FY 2017 AND GRANTING INDEMNITY TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

WHEREAS, the San Diego Unified Port District (District) is a public corporation created by the legislature in 1962 pursuant to Harbors and Navigation Code Appendix 1, (Port Act); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) adopted BPC Policy No. 110 to establish a policy governing the processing and administration of public projects, consulting and service agreements, the purchasing of supplies, materials, and equipment, and grants; and

WHEREAS, protecting the nation's borders is a priority mission of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP); and

WHEREAS, the San Diego CBP has been making progress in controlling the border area; however, smugglers have continued to adapt and exploit other means of egress to the United States; and

WHEREAS, as levels of control of the border are raised, the frequency of criminal organizations utilizing boats to further their illegal enterprises has increased; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement partnerships between federal, state and local entities are critical towards gaining control of these activities; and

WHEREAS, Department of Homeland Security created the Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) grant program to facilitate partnerships through enhanced intelligence gathering, information sharing capabilities and increased law enforcement presence in border areas; and

WHEREAS, the District's Harbor Police Department (HPD) has been a participant since the initial grant award in Federal FY 2008, and has received more than \$2M in OPSG funding through reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, HPD has and will continue to use its OPSG funding for overtime, fuel, vehicle mileage and vehicle/vessel maintenance, conduct harbor and coastal patrols to provide an increased marine law enforcement presence in San Diego Harbor and coastal waters; and

WHEREAS, HPD partners with the United States Coast Guard, CBP and the Sheriff's Department Border Suppression Team, conducting operations as intelligence dictates; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive reimbursement for costs related to these operations, the District must enter into an agreement with the County of San Diego that provides indemnity to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, as follows:

That the Executive Director or her designated representative is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the San Diego Unified Port District, to enter into an agreement with the County of San Diego to receive law enforcement homeland security grant "Operation Stonegarden" funds in the amount of \$150,000 for federal fiscal year 2017; and hereby grants indemnity to the County of San Diego, as set forth in the grant agreement.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY: GENERAL COUNSEL

By: Assistant/Deputy

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 12th day of June, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: Bonelli, Castellanos, Merrifield, Moore, and Valderrama NAYS: None. EXCUSED: Malcolm, and Zucchet ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

Rafael Castellanos, Chairman Board of Port Commissioners

ATTEST:

Donna Morales District Clerk

