

**CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR A COVID-19 HAZARD PAY AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT PROJECT THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR; DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern advising countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of the onward spread of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 was declared as a worldwide pandemic on March 11, 2020 and has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and

**WHEREAS**, President Donald Trump declared a State of National Emergency for the United States of America on March 13, 2020 due to the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020 certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has advised that person-to-person contact heightens the risk of COVID-19 transmission; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, Hal Richards, County Judge of Kaufman County, Texas issued a Declaration of State of Disaster and Public Health Emergency for Kaufman County of which the City of Forney is contained; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Department of State Health Services determined that, as of March 19, 2020, COVID-19 represents a public health disaster within the meaning of Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2020, Mary Penn, Mayor of the City of Forney, Texas issued a Declaration of State of Disaster and Public Health Emergency for the City of Forney; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned orders and many subsequent orders as well as guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Texas Department of State Health Services were issued to promote health and suppress disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Forney strives to provide for the safety and protection of its citizens, visitors, and staff by pursuing all available means of enhancing safety while ensuring the continued operation of essential City services including public safety services provided by the City of Forney Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the City of Forney Police Department have maintained full operational capability during the COVID-19 disaster and have been required to work and continue to work in environments that expose them to greater risk of contracting COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Forney, Texas ("City Council") finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Forney that the Hazard Pay and Personal Protective Equipment Reimbursement Project, Grant Project Number 4155501 be operated for the Fiscal Year 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the City Council assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council designates Police Chief Mica A. Lunt as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Forney approves the submission of the grant application for the Hazard Pay and Personal Protective Equipment Reimbursement Project to the Office of the Governor.

**PRESENTED AND PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Forney, Texas, this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

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Mary Penn, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dorothy Brooks, City Secretary

Grant Number: 4155501