## RESOLUTION NO.

## RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, established the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program ("LIHWAP") administered by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and

**WHEREAS**, California has been allocated \$116 million in one-time funding to provide LIHWAP assistance; and

WHEREAS, California Governor Gavin Newsom selected the California Department of Community Services and Development ("CSD") to administer LIHWAP to reduce water and wastewater utility bill balances for low-income households experiencing financial hardships related to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, for many low-income households across the nation, water affordability needs have been significantly exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health crisis, and the pandemic has made it more difficult for individuals and families to pay their home drinking water and wastewater bills; and

**WHEREAS**, the LIHWAP provides critical nationwide emergency support to lowincome households; and

WHEREAS, LIHWAP, a federally funded, State of California facilitated, COVID-19 relief related assistance program that is administered by the CSD, has selected the Maravilla Foundation, non-profit 501(c)(3) community-based organization, as the Local Service Provider for the greater Los Angeles area; and WHEREAS, the Maravilla Foundation has been selected by the State to receive customer applications, verify eligibility and determine the LIHWAP benefit amount of up to \$2,000 per customer, on behalf of eligible low-income residential water and wastewater customers of the City of Pasadena, Water and Power Department, in coordination with CSD and its third-party funds disbursement provider; and

**WHEREAS**, in order for eligible residents in the City of Pasadena to participate in this program, the City must enter into an agreement with CSD and its third-party funds disbursement partner, HORNE LLP, for reimbursement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Pasadena, that the Water and Power Department's participation in LIHWAP is hereby approved and that the General Manager of the Water and Power Department, or his or her designee, is hereby authorized to execute any and all program documents for participation on behalf of the City of Pasadena.

This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council. Adopted by the following vote at the meeting of the City Council on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

> Mark Jomsky, CMC City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lisa Hosey Assistant City Attorney