

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF FRESNO CITY  
COLLEGE'S PROPOSED ADN-BSN-MSN PIPELINE  
EXPANSION PROJECT

WHEREAS, several million Californians (21%), the majority of which are Latino, African American, and Native American, live in a Health Professional Shortage Area (a federal designation for counties experiencing shortfalls of primary care providers), and these shortages are most severe in the San Joaquin Valley; and

WHEREAS, Fresno City College, in partnership with Fresno State, is seeking federal funding to develop a collaborative program, the ADN-BSN-MSN Pipeline Expansion, to increase medical professionals in the San Joaquin Valley, a medically underserved region; and

WHEREAS, the ADN-BSN-MSN Pipeline Expansion program provides funding to plan for a purposeful and integrated ADN to BSN graduation and a pathway to the MSN program for students; and

WHEREAS, this planned community project will intentionally increase the number of Hispanics, African Americans, and AAPI nursing students who will enroll and successfully complete a nursing program; and

WHEREAS, the program will enable ADN nursing students to earn a BSN degree in approximately three years; and

WHEREAS, the ADN-BSN program will be dual enrollment, designed to simplify the process of achieving a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Fresno State will focus planning efforts to increase masters' degree options for Nurse Practitioners both in physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, now more than ever, job seekers need a clear path to accessible medical educational programs such as this, during this time of economic uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, growing inequality, which disproportionately impacts communities of color, in parallel with the erosion of upward mobility in California, calls for dramatic changes in the delivery of healthcare education to increase economic opportunity for those who have been historically left behind; and

WHEREAS, Fresno City College and Fresno State's planning efforts are focused on expanding the San Joaquin Valley's nursing workforce to mirror the incredibly diverse population that will mitigate language barriers and improve healthcare delivery to include an understanding of subtle customs, values, and traditions that have an enormous impact on healthcare practices and patient recovery; and

WHEREAS, the project's ultimate goal is to dramatically expand educational opportunity for bachelor's degree-prepared nurses who will serve in one of the state's largest and fastest-growing regions; and

WHEREAS, the program will recruit and prepare students from underrepresented and low-income backgrounds for high paying nursing careers, and intentionally places equity and inclusion at the center of its planning efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. Because of the great need that exists in Fresno, coupled with the great promise that our students represent, the Council hereby supports Fresno City College's

proposal to the U.S. Appropriations Committee for funding for a planning grant to advance the ADN-BSN-MSN Pipeline Expansion Project.

2. This resolution shall be effective upon final approval.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF FRESNO ) ss.  
CITY OF FRESNO )

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

AYES :  
NOES :  
ABSENT :  
ABSTAIN :

YVONNE SPENCE, MMC CRM  
City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN  
City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Katie Doerr Date  
Chief Assistant