HERCULES CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. XX –

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERCULES APPROVING THE EAST BAY HILLS REGIONAL WILDFIRE PREVENTION AND COORDINATION MOU

WHEREAS, the risk of catastrophic wildfire is growing due to changing conditions driven by climate change; and

WHEREAS, wildfire does not respect geographic boundaries, so coordination and collaboration between jurisdictions are essential; and

WHEREAS, wildfire's frequency and intensity demand regional wildfire prevention strategies and actions to keep residents safe; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) has determined that the East Bay Hills along the Alameda and Contra Costa Counties border, extending north to Hercules and south to Fremont, is a high wildfire risk zone; and

WHEREAS, Coordination among the many jurisdictions, fire districts, and other regional agencies in the East Bay wildfire zone is a challenge without a clear framework for coordination; and

WHEREAS, the East Bay Wildfire Prevention Coordinating Group has established a coalition of community organizations working with county staff and elected officials who desire to address threats from wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the East Bay Wildfire Prevention Coordinating Group has presented an MOU for participation in the planning and associated wildfire prevention activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Hercules approves the Memorandum of Understanding for Coordination of Wildfire Prevention Activities to Protect the East Bay Hills in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

The foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hercules held on the 23rd day of July 2024, by the following vote of the Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Dan Romero, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eibleis Melendez, City Clerk