

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-028**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIFORNIA, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO FEDERAL TARIFFS THAT THREATEN THE ECONOMIC STABILITY OF THE BINATIONAL REGION**

WHEREAS, the City of Imperial Beach and neighboring communities within South San Diego County are part of a unique binational region centered around the busiest land border crossing in the world, through which over 100,000 people travel daily for work, education, tourism, and commerce; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego – Tijuana binational region generates over \$60 Billion in international trade annually, supporting jobs and economic growth throughout California and the United States; and

WHEREAS, our region is economically and socially integrated, with a workforce, business community, and transportation systems that depend on cross-border mobility, predictability, and stability; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2025 broad tariffs were imposed by the federal government and caused a disproportionate and destabilizing impact on California's binational communities; and

WHEREAS, the broad tariffs imposed by the federal government caused \$15 Billion in losses to the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) of which the City of Imperial Beach is one of nearly 3,000 employers who contract with CalPERS for retirement, health, death, and survivor benefits for city employees; and

WHEREAS, the financial impact in losses for CalPERS and the State of California have a direct impact on our city's budget which affects the public services and long-term financial sustainability of our city; and

WHEREAS, these tariffs have also increased costs, introduced economic uncertainty to local and small businesses, undermined key sectors vital to our region's economy – not only tourism and trade, but also manufacturing, supply chain logistics, and small businesses that depend on binational cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Imperial Beach recognizes that the strength of our regional economy is directly tied to the health, safety, and efficiency of our border infrastructure and binational relationships – any disruption at the border reverberates across local industries and households; and

WHEREAS, the City of Imperial Beach is already seeing the consequences of these policies through constraints and uncertainty during the current budget cycle; and

WHEREAS, economic uncertainty and fiscal constraints impacted by these tariffs are complicating efforts of the City of Imperial Beach to invest confidently in municipal programs, recreation, and services such as citywide conservation efforts, economic development, community service initiatives, and special events throughout the year which are beneficial to the community-building, health, and wellness of our city; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City of Imperial Beach's interest to advocate for economic stability, regional resilience, and mutually beneficial policies that reflect the lived reality and interconnectedness of our binational region; and

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

1. That the City Council expresses opposition to the continuation and expansion of harmful federal tariffs that have caused serious and documented negative effects to the economic health of the State of California, San Diego County, and by extension, our own community; and
2. The City Council directs staff to transmit a copy of this resolution to relevant state and federal agencies.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Imperial Beach at its meeting held on the 21st day of May 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

PALOMA AGUIRRE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JACQUELINE M. KELLY, MMC
CITY CLERK