

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-

A RESOLUTION deferring and continuing the mentorship and internship program to 2022.

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, a Mayoral Proclamation of Civil Emergency and Order declared a state of emergency in the City of Yakima due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”), and subsequent Mayoral Proclamations have extended the emergency; and

WHEREAS, Yakima is currently in Phase 3 of the Governor’s plan to re-open Washington; and

WHEREAS, City Council meetings continue to be held virtually and City Hall remains open by limited appointment only pursuant to the Governor’s plan; and

WHEREAS, the Yakima School District just recently re-opened high schools for in-person learning; and

WHEREAS, vaccines just became widely available for adults in Yakima County; and

WHEREAS, the mentorship and internship program for high school students in the Yakima School District is part of the settlement in the case of *Montes and Arteaga v. City of Yakima, et al.*, where the plaintiffs donated part of their fee award back to the City of Yakima for the mentorship and internship program, and as part of the program, in past years students have worked at the City during the summer; and

WHEREAS, as a result of COVID-19 and the emergency that exists, the City Council has determined that deferring the 2021 mentorship and internship program to 2022 will best protect the health and safety of the high school student interns as well as City staff; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YAKIMA:

The mentorship and internship program is deferred and continued to 2022.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 4th day of May, 2021.

Patricia Byers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk