

RESOLUTION NO. 99-79

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS FROM THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**WHEREAS**, the governing bodies of the State of California, its 58 Counties, and its four largest Cities, through a Tobacco Settlement Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") developed by attorneys in 1998, have agreed to divide among themselves by a specified formula some \$25 billion in anticipated revenues in the form of payments from Tobacco Companies over the next 25 years under the MOU; and

**WHEREAS**, it is perceived that such anticipated revenues may be considered by at least some State officials to be an offset or reimbursement for the \$4 billion (plus) of tax receipts which have been redirected by the State, in the 1990's to date, to the State Treasury from the previous distribution to Counties, Cities and other local agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the MOU provides for four large Cities and 58 Counties to receive \$12.5 billion in anticipated revenues over the next 25 years, but does not provide by formula or otherwise for any of the other 469 of California's 473 Cities – from whom the bulk of the "redirected" \$4 billion to date has been taken – to receive even a penny for their residents; and

**WHEREAS**, all 473 California Cities should be equitably included as recipients (or "payees") of revenues received under the Tobacco Settlement MOU, and that any reimbursements to those local governments and agencies which lost revenues to the State in the 1990's be made on an equitable basis proportionate to the revenues so lost; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City of Ridgecrest supports League of California Cities sponsored legislation to achieve guaranteed appropriate, fair and equitable shares of Tobacco Settlement revenues currently anticipated to be received by the State and Counties, and due under the MOU between the State of California Attorney General and four Cities and 58 Counties of the State.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 15th day of September, 1999, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Darnell, Council Members Carter, Holloway, and Morgan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Rollins

ABSTAIN: None

  
Donna Darnell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Harry Jensen  
City Clerk