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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 311310

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A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AND THE SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION TO AMEND ARTICLE 83 OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING MILITARY LEAVE

WHEREAS, by San Diego Resolution R-310148 (Dec. 16, 2015), the City Council (Council) approved a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the City of San Diego (City) and the San Diego Municipal Employees' Association (MEA), for the term of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2020, which includes Article 83 on military leave; and

WHEREAS, military leave and reinstatement rights are governed by the federal Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA), at 38 U.S.C. §§ 4301 through 4355, the California Military and Veterans Code, and local legislative action, including Council-approved agreements between the City and its recognized employee organizations; and

WHEREAS, federal and state laws prohibit discrimination and retaliation against individuals because of their military service or membership and provide specified reinstatement rights after employees are absent for military service. Federal law does not require an employer to provide salary and compensation to an employee on active duty; and

WHEREAS, the California Military and Veterans Code, at section 395.02 provides, that certain public agency employees on active duty leave are entitled to receive salary or compensation for the first 30 calendar days while engaged in the performance of ordered military duty. California Military and Veterans Code section 395(b) makes it discretionary for a local

public agency to provide paid military leaves of absence for periods of inactive duty training, commonly known as weekend drills; and

WHEREAS, therefore, the Council must authorize paid military leave for employees participating in inactive duty training; and

WHEREAS, the City's Military Leave Policy, set forth in Civil Service Rule X, section 7, codified at San Diego Municipal Code section 23.1107, incorporates state law. The Civil Service Rule states that City officers or employees who are also members of the armed services or organized reserves are entitled to the leaves of absence and employment rights and privileges provided by state law. City officers and employees who have worked for the City for not less than one year "shall receive their regular City compensation during the military leave, not to exceed a period of 30 calendar days in any fiscal year." The Civil Service Rule, approved by the Council, is silent on whether paid military leave includes inactive duty training; and

WHEREAS, the City's labor negotiators have reached an agreement with MEA to amend Article 83 of the MOU, by modifying the language to make the military leave benefit consistent with other bargaining groups in the City, and now present this agreement to the Council for determination, in accordance with the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act and Council Policy 300-06; and

WHEREAS, the City has complied with San Diego Charter section 70.2 by obtaining the required actuarial analysis from the San Diego City Employees' Retirement System and making it available to the public ten days prior to this Council action; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to authorize paid military leave for inactive duty training for employees represented by MEA, retroactive to July 1, 2016, and determines that it is in the best interests of the City to approve the amendment to Article 83 of the MEA MOU, so that

MEA-represented employees are afforded the same benefit as other City employees; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of San Diego that the agreement to amend the MOU between the City and the MEA, presented to the Council and on file in the Office of the City Clerk as Document No. **22311310** is approved and ratified, and is to be applied retroactively to July 1, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council directs the City's management team to incorporate the language set forth in the approved agreement in any successor MOU.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

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	ELIZABETH S. MALAND City Clerk
	By Lindstruin Deputy City Clerk
Approved: 9/19/17 (date)	KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor
Vetoed: (date)	KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

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