

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILPITAS SUPPORTING
SENATE BILL 316: THE POSTAL SERVICE PROTECTION ACT OF 2013**

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service (“USPS”) is a component of this Country’s economic and communications infrastructure handling and delivering 160 billion pieces of mail annually, and the mailing industry depends on the USPS’ mail processing, retail, and delivery networks; and

WHEREAS, the USPS is the second largest employer in the United States with over 22% of its employees United States Veterans; and

WHEREAS, rural communities, many of which do not have access to the Internet, remain dependent on the Postal Service for vital communications and for the shipment of goods; and

WHEREAS, small businesses along with many Americans, particularly seniors, depend on the Postal Service for receipt of their prescription drugs; and

WHEREAS, The Postal Service Protection Act of 2013 (“SB 316”), if enacted, would sustain the USPS and avert unnecessary closures that hurt communities; and

WHEREAS, SB 316 would prohibit cuts to Saturday delivery, thus protecting rural communities, small businesses, and senior citizens, as well as reducing the need for customers to seek other delivery options; and

WHEREAS, SB 316 would also give consideration to the employment status of the second largest civilian workforce in the country made up of over a half a million people living and working in all of our communities, with over 22% veterans, many with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, SB 316 would further reinstate overnight delivery standards to speed mail delivery and prevent shutdowns of mail sorting centers, and protect voting by mail throughout California, which is now a common and important practice.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Milpitas hereby finds, determines, and resolves as follows:

1. The City Council has considered the full record before it, which may include but is not limited to such things as the staff report, testimony by staff and the public, and other materials and evidence submitted or provided to it. Furthermore, the recitals set forth above are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. The City of Milpitas supports Senate Bill 316 - the Postal Service Protection Act of 2013, and urges U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer and U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein to pass Senate Bill 316, sponsored by Senator Bernard Sanders, that would ensure the modernization and preservation of the United States Postal Service.
3. The City Council hereby directs that the City Clerk transmit copies of this Resolution to the President of the United States, Senator Barbara Boxer, Senator Dianne Feinstein,

Representative Howard P. "Buck" McKeon, and the appropriate Congressional Committees and to the United States Postmaster General.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Mary Lavelle, City Clerk

Jose S. Esteves, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael J. Ogaz, City Attorney