RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD REGARDING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CLOSURE DUE TO CITYWIDE BOIL WATER NOTICE

WHEREAS, the United Independent School District ("District") is a public school district located in Laredo, Webb County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, October 10, 2024, the City of Laredo issued a citywide Boil Water Notice ("BWN") due to the detection of E. coli in the citywide water system; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") required the City of Laredo to issue the citywide BWN and all residents were advised to boil their water prior to consumption (e.g., washing hands/face, brushing teeth, drinking, etc.) until further notice; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Trustees ("Board") has a substantial interest in protecting the health and safety of the District's staff and community, and finds that an emergency need existed to release all District staff at 3:00 p.m. on October 11, 2024 so District staff could make accommodations related to the BWN; and

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized by Texas Education Code section 45.105 to expend funds of the District for purposes necessary in the conduct of the public schools as determined by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the District has always been and will remain committed to providing the best possible educational opportunities for its students while at the same time keeping all District staff safe and being good stewards of its resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That all the above recitals are adopted as findings of fact and are incorporated into and made a part of this Resolution for all purposes, and that the Board hereby determines that the public purposes served by this Resolution and any expenditure made pursuant to this Resolution include, but are not limited to, keeping the District's staff hygienically safe due to the citywide BWN.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public purpose described above is fulfilled by efficiently and effectively making certain delegations, as described more fully herein, to the Superintendent to address the citywide BWN in the best interest of the District's staff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in furtherance of these public purposes and this Resolution, the Board makes the following delegations to the Superintendent:

- 1. The authority to enact an emergency closure at 3:00 p.m. for all District staff on October 11, 2024, due to due to a citywide BWN; and
- 2. The authority to continue providing pay to all District employees due to the early, District-wide emergency closure on October 11, 2024; and

- 3. The authority to direct certain essential District employees to report to work during the emergency closure, including but not limited to those District employees who are essential to continuing certain District operations such as facilities, transportation, and food services, in the sole discretion of the Superintendent; and
- 4. The authority to submit any necessary waivers to the Texas Education Agency to further the implementation and purposes of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is authorized by the Board to take such further actions necessary and appropriate to implement the intent of this Resolution without further Board action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authority granted to the Superintendent by the Board via this Resolution shall remain until rescinded by Board Action at a duly-called Board meeting, but in no event shall the authority granted to the Superintendent by this Resolution remain in effect past November 29, 2024.

APPROVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED on November 19, 2024, by the United Independent School District Board of Trustees.

APPROVED:	
Ramiro Veliz, III Board President	
ATTEST:	
Michelle Molina	
Board Secretary	