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Honorable Board of Supervisors 950 Maidu Avenue Nevada City, CA 95959

DATE OF MEETING: August 11, 2015

SUBJECT: Resolution affirming the commitment of the County of Nevada to preventing commercial sexual exploitation of children in our county and to working collaboratively with all county partners to identify, protect, and serve these vulnerable children and youth.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Resolution

FUNDING: n/a

BACKGROUND:

The commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) is a pressing national, state, and local issue. The FBI estimates that 100,000 children in the United States are sold for sex each year, including child sex trafficking, child sex tourism, and child pornography. In California, the issue is especially urgent. According to the FBI, three of the top 13 highest trafficking areas in the nation are located in California: San Francisco, Los Angeles, and the San Diego metropolitan areas.

The attached memo includes a comprehensive explanation on the incredibly troubling and growing issue. It also includes a discussion of CSAC and county efforts at the local, state and national levels to work with law enforcement to identify and care for minor victims of sex trafficking and prosecute the perpetrators regardless of location.

The CSAC Board of Directors recently adopted the attached resolution to affirm efforts by counties to combat the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) and, in the interest of shining a spotlight on the local effects of this issue, is also asking each county to adopt the attached sample resolution.

CSAC will also present a CSEC workshop during the CSAC Annual Meeting, December 1-3 in Monterey County.

Respectfully submitted,

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