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Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Julie Patterson Hunter

SUBJECT: Resolution endorsing and certifying the plaque commemorating Ellen Clark Sargent and Women's Suffrage, located at Calanan Park in Nevada City, CA 95959 (APN 005-396-013-000) as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 20-03

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution requested by the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission to designate the plaque commemorating Ellen Clark Sargent and Women's Suffrage, located at Calanan Park in Nevada City, CA 95959 (APN 005-396-013-000) as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 20-03

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: At its meeting on March 27, 2020 the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission unanimously approved a joint application submitted by The Native Daughters of the Golden West, The Daughters of the American Revolution and The Nevada County Historical Society for registration of a plaque commemorating Ellen Clark Sargent and Women's Suffrage, located at Calanan Park in Nevada City, CA 95959 (APN 005-396-013-000) as a Nevada County Historical Landmark and recommends that the Board of Supervisors designate this site as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 20-03. On November 13, 2019 the City Council of Nevada City unanimously approved the plaque designation on city property, which was approved by the Nevada City Planning Commission on November 21, 2019.

Ellen Clark Sargent was a prominent suffragist who founded the Nevada County Women's Suffrage Association in 1869, was the President of the California Women Suffrage Association and Treasurer of the National Women Suffrage Association. Ms. Sargent was associated with many important local regional and national suffrage organizations and leaders, including Susan B. Anthony. While Ellen Clark Sargent died three months before the California election on October 10, 1911, her advocacy directly impacted the women's suffrage movement as evident during a grand rally, held on October 10, 1911, processed through the streets down to the bottom of Broad Street near Calanan Park in Nevada City.

Therefore, in honor of Ellen Clark Sargent and her work to promote women's suffrage that led to the enactment of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, Staff recommends adopting the attached Resolution.

Item Initiated by: Jeffrey Thorsby, Senior Management Analyst
Item Approved by: Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board
Submittal Date: May 13, 2020