

RESOLUTION No.

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY IN NEVADA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Nevada County federal public lands includes the Tahoe and Toiyabe National Forests, that make up over 32% of the county's 958 square miles; and

WHEREAS, national public lands are managed by the United States Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and Corp. of Amy Engineers, amongst other land managers and public stewards; and

WHEREAS, since 1994 National Public Lands Day (NPLD) has united communities in the care and celebration of our nation's public lands; and

WHEREAS, what began with a single federal agency, two public land sites, and 700 volunteers has grown into a nationwide event that continues to expand and inspire participation; and

WHEREAS, more than 70,000 participants are expected to join in trail maintenance projects, park and river clean ups, tree planting activities, invasive species removal projects, as well as hikes and other fun activities throughout the country, including the South Yuba River Cleanup sponsored by the South Yuba River Citizen's League; and

WHEREAS, NPLD volunteers are essential to the success of conservation and improvement efforts on public lands across the country and in Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, NPLD connects volunteers of all ages and abilities, fostering community, teamwork, and the enjoyment of public lands for education, recreation, and well-being; and

WHEREAS, NPLD highlights the vital impact of public lands on our wellbeing, from the air we breathe to the spaces we inhabit; and

WHEREAS, NPLD cultivates civic engagement, ecological literacy, and social connections through the stewardship of local natural resources; and

WHEREAS, NPLD is more than just a clean-up —it offers diverse experiences in recreation, environmental education, and health — from ranger-led hikes to group bike rides and community picnics, NPLD provides engaging activities for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Nevada County proclaims September 23, 2023 as National Public Lands Day in Nevada County, and encourages the community in celebrating 30 years of care and community for our public lands