



## **RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

### **OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA**

#### **RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 2022 AS THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM AND RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF GOLD COUNTRY SENIOR SERVICES AND SIERRA SENIOR SERVICES**

WHEREAS, since 1972, the national Senior Nutrition Program has funded local agencies and organizations to serve home-delivered and congregate meals that help to ensure older adults, 60 years and older, have opportunities to stay healthy, independent, and connected; and

WHEREAS, more than 10 million older Americans face hunger each year; and

WHEREAS, local Meals on Wheels America affiliates Gold Country Senior Services and Sierra Senior Services community volunteers deliver fresh, hot, nutritionally balanced meals with a smile to our senior homebound population; and

WHEREAS, Gold Country Senior Services and Sierra Senior Services assist older adults' access healthy foods; nutrition screening, education, and counseling; social opportunities; and other supports that encourage well-being; and

WHEREAS, Gold Country Senior Services and Sierra Senior Services has made a significant impact on food insecurity on behalf of older adults that has reduced hospital stays, re-admissions and enabled older adults to be proactive with their own health and help them remain independent for as long as possible; and

WHEREAS, Gold Country Senior Services and Sierra Senior Services are an integral part of our community providing sustenance and socialization to our older community members, especially those most vulnerable to COVID, chronic health conditions, social isolation; and

WHEREAS, Gold Country Senior Services and Sierra Senior Services has a positive impact on our community and its senior members by increasing the mental health of those who are in isolation during COVID; providing meals to the Homeless Respite Center; promoting emergency preparedness, and reporting suspected elder abuse to Adult Protective Services; and

WHEREAS, these vital services have been provided in eastern Nevada County for the past 20 years by Sierra Senior Services and in western Nevada County for over 45 years by Gold Country Senior Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, California, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as the 50th anniversary of the National Senior Nutrition Program and encourage the community to recognize Sierra Senior Services, Gold Country Senior Services, the seniors they serve and the volunteers who care for them, as essential contributors to the strength of our community.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sierra Senior Services is thanked for their on-going dedication to the well-being of Nevada County's older residents and congratulates Sierra Senior Services on the anniversary of 20 years of outstanding public service.