



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

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

### **RESOLUTION APPROVING A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION TO THE COMMERCIAL RAFTING PERMITS: RAF19-0001, RAF19-0002, RAF19-0003, AND RAF19-0004**

WHEREAS, on December 9, 1997, the County adopted Chapter III (Business Regulations), Article 8 (Rafting Regulations), of the Nevada County General Code, requiring that a Rafting Permit be obtained for commercial rafting on any river, stream or creek within the County of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the commercial rafting regulations allow for a two-year timeframe to operate commercial river rafting upon the approval of Use Permits; and

WHEREAS, four rafting companies submitted an application in January of 2019 and were approved by the Planning Commission on April 25, 2019 to operate for two years through the 2020 season on the Truckee and Little Truckee Rivers. The four rafting companies are Tahoe Whitewater Tours, Dream Catcher River Tours, I.R.I.E. Rafting Company and Tributary Whitewater Tours; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic restricted business operations and prohibited public gatherings for much of the 2020 rafting season which prohibited the rafting companies from operating until July 1, 2020 and only allowing operation at a reduced capacity; and

WHEREAS, The United States Forest Service closed access to public lands on September 7, 2020 due to extreme fire hazards and hazardous conditions which ended the already reduced rafting season in early September 2020; and

WHEREAS, the applicants of the rafting operations have requested a one-year extension to RAF19-0001, RAF19-0002, RAF19-0003, AND RAF19-0004 due to COVID-19 restrictions and Forest Service restrictions due to wildfire enforced during the 2020 rafting season; and

WHEREAS, the General Code, Business Regulations, Article 8, do not include an administrative process to grant a time extension at the staff level or by the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to assist businesses recover from the unprecedented impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and extreme fire season restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the request of the rafting operators would allow the businesses to operate for the 2021 rafting season under the conditions of the 2019 Use Permits and save the business from the expenses of applying for new permits after a season that was shortened and restricted due to the COVID-19 and fire hazard situations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, that a one (1) year extension be granted to the permit holders of RAF19-0001, RAF19-0002, RAF19-0003, AND RAF19-0004 in order to allow the commercial river rafting companies to operate for the 2021 season under the terms and conditions of the approved 2019 Use Permits.