



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE EXCELSIOR DITCH/INDEPENDENCE TRAIL, LOCATED OFF STATE ROUTE 49, NEVADA CITY, CA 95959 AT THE INDEPENDENCE TRAIL HEAD AT AND AROUND THE SOUTH YUBA RIVER STATE PARK AS NEVADA COUNTY HISTORICAL LANDMARK NEV 24-05

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission (NCHLC) was established in 1969 to promote the general welfare of Nevada County and its citizens through official recognition, recording, marking, preserving, and promoting the historical resources of Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, the NCHLC has since sustained an active program of cataloging and recommending for designation historical sites and structures throughout Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, the NCHLC accepts applications, processes and verifies applications for proposed historical landmark designation, and recommends said landmark designations for approval by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors supports the promotion of the public health, safety, and general welfare by providing for the identification, protection, enhancement, perpetuation, and use of improvements, buildings, structures, signs, objects, features, sites, places, districts, and areas within the County that reflect special elements of the County's architectural, artistic, cultural, engineering, aesthetic, historical, political, social, and other heritage, by allowing their registration as Nevada County Historical Landmarks for the following reasons:

1. Safeguarding Nevada County's heritage as embodied and reflected in the Excelsior Ditch/Independence Trail, located off State Route 49, Nevada City, CA 95959 at the Independence Trail Head at and around the South Yuba River State Park and its influence on Nevada County's cultural and social history, and commemorating the valuable role it played in this community; and
2. Encouraging public knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of Nevada County's history as reflected in its heritage; and
3. Fostering civic and neighborhood pride and a sense of identity based upon the recognition and use of cultural resources; and
4. Preserving diverse and harmonious architectural styles and design innovations; and
5. Enhancing property values to increase economic and financial benefits to Nevada County and its inhabitants by preserving and promoting historical buildings; and
6. Protecting and enhancing Nevada County's attraction to tourists and visitors, thereby stimulating business and industry; and

7. Identifying as early as possible, and resolving, conflicts between the preservation of cultural resources and alternative land uses in a section of Nevada County that may see future population growth; and

WHEREAS, NCHLC sponsored the application and received consent and authorization from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation District Superintendent Robert Griffith on December 14, 2023 requesting that the Excelsior Ditch/Independence Trail, located off State Route 49, Nevada City, CA 95959 at the Independence Trail Head at and around the South Yuba River State Park be designated as a Nevada County Historical Landmark; and

WHEREAS, at its January 24, 2024 meeting, the NCHLC verified and unanimously approved the application and now recommends that the Board of Supervisors designate the property as a Nevada County Historical Landmark.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada hereby accepts the NCHLC's recommendation and designates the Excelsior Ditch/Independence Trail, located off State Route 49, Nevada City, CA 95959 at the Independence Trail Head at and around the South Yuba River State Park, as Nevada County Historical Landmark 24-05.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to record a certified copy of this Resolution with the Office of the Nevada County Clerk-Recorder within ten (10) days after the adoption hereof.