



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTION OF A RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH O'CONNELL RESEARCH, INC. FOR SERVICES INCLUDING PLANNING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CARE COURT, CALAIM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LINKAGES, SUPPORT FOR THE INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL PROGRAM, AND GENERAL SUPPORT FOR THE STEPPING UP INITIATIVE IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FOR THE CONTRACT TERM OF JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

WHEREAS, in May of 2015, the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center, the National Association of Counties (NACo), and the American Psychiatric Association Foundation (APA Foundation) partnered to create Stepping Up with the purpose of rallying local, state, and national leaders to achieve a measurable reduction in the number of people in jail who have serious mental illnesses (SMI); and

WHEREAS, in December of 2016, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors adopted resolution 16-586, supporting Nevada County's participation in the Stepping Up Initiative, thereby advancing the initiative's core goals of building a local leadership team, working to identify the number of people with mental illnesses entering the jail system, ensuring that those people are connected with services, and developing a comprehensive plan that will lead to an actual reduction in the number of people with mental illnesses in the jail; and

WHEREAS, in the years since the resolution was adopted, a collaborative group of county departments, including the Sheriff's Office, Probation, Public Defender, District Attorney, and Behavioral Health, has been meeting regularly and has implemented numerous system changes and improvements to better link people with SMI to treatment services instead of incarceration; and

WHEREAS, for the past several years, our local Stepping Up group has worked with O'Connell Research to refine and better analyze our local data. This group will continue to meet and focus on improving our services based on the data and research so that people receive the care they need. Additionally, this group will serve as the planning group for CARE Court implementation in Nevada County, support the CalAIM justice involved linkages planning, and provide oversight of the Incompetent to Stand Trial Diversion process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, that the Professional Services Contract by and between the County and O'Connell Research, Inc. pertaining to the provision of data analysis, facilitation and planning for the contract term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in the maximum amount of \$100,000 be and hereby is approved, and that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the County of Nevada. This contract is contingent upon the adoption of the FY 25/26 County Budget. The contract begins on July 1, 2025.

Funds to be disbursed from account: 1589-40110-493-8301 / 521520