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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 12, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rachel Peña

SUBJECT: Resolution recognizing Agency on Aging Area 4 in September of 2023 for fifty years of service and commitment to community support provided by dedicated staff.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: Congress passed the Older Americans Act (OAA) in 1965 in response to concern by policymakers about a lack of community social services for older persons. The original legislation established authority for grants to states for community planning and social services, research and development projects, and personnel training in the field of aging. The law also established the Administration on Aging (AoA) to administer the newly created grant programs and to serve as the federal focal point on matters concerning older persons.

Although older individuals may receive services under many other federal programs, today the OAA is a major vehicle for the organization and delivery of social and nutrition services to this group and their caregivers. It authorizes a wide array of service programs through a national network of 56 state agencies on aging, 618 area agencies on aging, nearly 20,000 service providers, 281 Tribal organizations, and 1 Native Hawaiian organization representing 400 Tribes. The OAA also includes community service employment for low-income older Americans; training, research, and demonstration activities in the field of aging; and vulnerable elder rights protection activities.

In 1973, Nevada County joined the Agency on Aging Area 4 to advance their mission to create and support opportunities that enhance the lives of older adults and their families to be safe, healthy, and independent. Since that time, the Agency on Aging Area 4 has provided vital community supports for our older adults and adults living with a disability. Agency on Aging Area 4 provides local funding and support for legal assistance, senior information, transportation, minor home modifications and nutrition services.

It is recommended that the Board approve this resolution as recognition of the Agency on Aging Area 4's ongoing service to our community.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Rachel Peña, LCSW Director of Social Services