



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 16, 2017 AS SOUTH YUBA RIVER CITIZENS LEAGUE'S 20th ANNUAL YUBA RIVER CLEANUP IN NEVADA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the mission of the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL) is to unite the community to protect and restore the Yuba River through advocacy, engaging in active stewardship, educating the public, and inspiring activism from the Sierra to the sea; and

WHEREAS, every year more than 700,000 people visit the Yuba River's swimming holes, beaches, and trails, leaving behind tons of trash and recyclable bottles and cans; and

WHEREAS, SYRCL's Annual Yuba River Cleanup and River Ambassador Program are designed to keep the river clean, healthy, and safe; and

WHEREAS, over the past 19 years, SYRCL volunteers have removed 204,000 pounds of trash and recyclables; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 over 850 volunteers removed approximately 9,000 pounds of trash and 1,500 pounds of recyclables from nearly 90 miles of river, creek, and lake shoreline at 30 sites within the Yuba River and Bear River watersheds; and

WHEREAS, families love the Cleanup and it is an excellent team building opportunity for youth and school groups, clubs, faith-based organizations, and businesses to build camaraderie and leadership skills while cleaning up trash and trails in our cherished watershed; and

WHEREAS, keeping the river from being trashed is more than a one-day-a-year activity; and

WHEREAS, since 2012, a group of dedicated volunteer River Ambassadors have spent every summer weekend educating visitors at the four major State Park river crossings about how to keep our waterways clean and safe; and

WHEREAS, SYRCL's River Ambassadors promote an ethic of responsible, non-polluting use of the river by speaking one-on-one with park guests at crossings, beaches, and on trails using a friendly, non-confrontational approach to bring awareness to the polluting impacts of trash and dog waste, the dangers of broken glass, and the catastrophic potential of wildfire; and

WHEREAS, River Ambassadors have spoken to over 30,000 river-goers, removed 32,000 pieces of trash, and collected more than 4,000 piles of dog waste and work diligently to keep our river healthy by also providing dog waste and trash bags to recreationists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Nevada County hereby proclaims September 16, 2017 as Yuba River Cleanup in Nevada County, and encourages volunteers to register early for their favorite Cleanup sites at www.yubariver.org for a family-friendly, fun morning spent cleaning up and restoring the river, followed by an afternoon volunteer appreciation party with free lunch for registered volunteers at Pioneer Park in Nevada City.