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MEETING DATE: November 16, 2021
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Julie Patterson Hunter
SUBJECT: Certificate of Recognition for Bernard “Bernie” Zimmerman

RECOMMENDATION: Approve certificate of recognition for Bernie Zimmerman, acknowledging his work with the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission and his nomination as citizen of the year by the Nevada County Historical Society.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND:

The Nevada County Historical Society has declared Bernie Zimmerman “Citizen of the Year” for his leadership during 2020 and 2021 on the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission (NCHLC), where he significantly contributed to the preservation of history in Nevada County. Through his leadership of the NCHLC, where he has served as the chair and as a district 5 appointee since 2013, the NCHLC has expanded the County’s recognition of historical events, organizations and landmarks across the county. His work has included, but is not limited to, the recognition of Ellen Clark Sargent and her advancement of women’s suffrage (noted on a plaque in Calanan Park in Nevada City), and recognizing the importance of early Black pioneers, such as the The Alexander Family Homesite in Nevada City, the Grass Valley AME Church in Grass Valley and the Kentucky Ridge Mine near Newtown Road. Other historical landmarks have included Hirschman’s Pond in Nevada City which recognizes the importance and contribution of early Jewish settlers, the Truckee Memorial Masonic Arch commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Truckee Freemasons and recognition of Nevada County historical resources such as the McGlashan Butterfly Collection.

Bernie has greatly assisted in developing the NCHLC website and an interactive mapping tool that allows residents and visitors alike to explore the County’s designated historical landmarks. Additionally, Bernie represents the NCHLC before the Budget Subcommittee each year and fosters

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and promotes a culture that values the lessons from our history. Bernie worked to release the guidebook *Exploring Nevada County*, issued in both paperback and electronic format in 2020. Beyond his work with the NCHLC, Bernie has also contributed to historical preservation through publishing and research. Under the You Bet Press imprint, Bernie published his own work, *Ghost Towns of Nevada County*, and Chuck Scimeca's *Over the Henness Pass: Road Barons and Risk Takers*. Bernie also regularly publishes articles of history in local publications including The Union Newspaper.

Therefore, staff recommends approving the certificate of recognition for Bernie Zimmerman.

Item Initiated by: Sarah Holyhead, Administrative Analyst II

Approved by: Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board

Submittal Date: November 8, 2021