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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD AGENDA MEMO**

MEETING DATE: February 17, 2026
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Supervisor Swarthout, District 3
SUBJECT: Certificate of Recognition for Phebe Bell

RECOMMENDATION: Present the Certificate of Recognition

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND:

The County of Nevada Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in recognizing Phebe Bell for her 12 years of service with the county. Her work has been vital in ensuring access to essential services for residents.

Phebe first served as the Tahoe Truckee Program Manager for Health and Human Services, supporting both Nevada and Placer Counties. Her ability to build and strengthen relationships among providers helped to improve HHSA services for both the Tahoe and Truckee communities. During her time there she helped to start the Truckee Homeless Warming Shelter as well as the Suicide Prevention plan for California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA).

Through her leadership, the county was able to navigate the challenges of state reforms to the Behavioral Health system and seized opportunities such as strengthening the department's fiscal position. She served as CBHDA President at the most critical time in the County Behavioral Health/State relationship in generations, and helped community-based organizations and behavioral health treatment providers navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

As the Director of Behavioral Health, Phebe assisted in expanding the Odyssey House Mental Health Residential Treatment Center, from 10 to 16 beds, as well as the Bost House Residential Treatment program. Phebe also expanded Recovery Residences, increasing the effectiveness and availability of substance use residential treatment for Nevada County residents. She was instrumental in obtaining funding to create the Commons Resource Center, a day resource center in Grass Valley, in addition to the homeless shelter and navigation center in Truckee.

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Phebe has considerably enhanced access to housing for people experiencing homelessness, overseeing an increase in beds from 69 to a projected 253 beds. This includes Permanent Supportive Housing Projects such as Brunswick Commons, Empire Mine Courtyards, and more. Additionally, she helped create the HOME Team, a medically focused homeless outreach and engagement team.

Most importantly, Phebe led with kindness and compassion, which was evident in everything she did. She consistently elevated staff on her team, fostering growth and collaboration, all while building strong partnerships that strengthened our community. Therefore, I request that the Board of Supervisors present the attached Certificate of Recognition to Phebe Bell for her years of incredible leadership.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Lisa Swarthout
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Item Initiated: Lisa Lane, Administrative Analyst II
Approved: Tine Mathiasen, Clerk of the Board
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