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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD AGENDA MEMO

MEETING DATE: September 26, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Heidi Hall, District 1

SUBJECT: Resolution proclaiming September 23, 2023 as National Public

Lands Day in Nevada County.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: Since 1994, National Public Lands Day (NPLD) has mobilized volunteers on the fourth Saturday in September to celebrate and care for something we all share—our nation's public lands. What started with one federal agency, two public land sites, and 700 volunteers has grown into a national event that brings out hundreds of thousands of volunteers at sites in all 50 states and U.S. territories. From trail maintenance to planting, trash pick-up, and more, volunteers of all ages and abilities roll up their sleeves and work side-by-side.

In the past decade alone, over 1 million volunteers have donated almost 5 million hours of their time for public lands, worth an estimated \$133 million. These efforts are crucial to preserving our natural resources for future generations to enjoy. But NPLD is more than a clean-up—it's a chance to connect with new communities, an event that creates kinship among those working together for a common goal, and an opportunity to use America's public lands for education, recreation, and overall physical and mental health.

This in conjunction with the county's work on its Recreation and Resilience Master Plan as a part of the Board's 2023 Recreation Objective and corresponding with the South Yuba River Cleanup on the same day, I am requesting the Board retroactively proclaim September 23, 2023 as National Public Lands Day in celebrating 30 years of care and community for our public lands.

Sincerely,

Heidi Hall District 1 Supervisor