

# CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

**Honorable Bernard Zimmerman**

## **Citizen of the Year**

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in recognizing and expressing its gratitude to Honorable Bernard “Bernie” Zimmerman for his public service on the Nevada County Historical Landmark Commission and for being named Citizen of the Year by the Nevada County Historical Society.

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors recognizes Bernie for his leadership on the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission (NCHLC), where he serves as the current Chair and as a District V appointment since 2013. During his tenure and through his leadership, the NCHLC expanded the County’s recognition of historical events, organizations and landmarks across the County. His work includes, but is not limited to, the recognition of women’s suffrage in Calanan Park in Nevada City for the work of Ellen Clark Sargent, 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, but are not limited to, the landmarking of Hirschman’s Pond in Nevada City recognizing the importance and contribution of early Jewish settlers, the Truckee Memorial Masonic Arch commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> 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 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 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, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors does hereby express its appreciation and gratitude to Honorable Bernard “Bernie” Zimmerman for his public service on the Nevada County Historical Landmark Commission and for being named Citizen of the Year by the Nevada County Historical Society.

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Dan Miller, Chair

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