



# **RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

## **OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA**

### **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 16-1 AMENDING SECTIONS L-II 2.2.1, L-II 2.2.2, L- II 2.3, L-II 2.4, L-II 2.5 AND L-II 2.6 OF ARTICLE 2; SECTIONS L- II 3.3, L-II 3.10, AND L-II 3.15 OF ARTICLE 3, AND L-II 4.3.4 OF ARTICLE 4 RELATED TO AGRICULTURAL USES, SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEE HOUSING AND THE COUNTY'S DEFINITION OF FARMLANDS OF LOCAL IMPORTANCE (FILE NOS. ORD16-1 AND EIS16-0001)**

WHEREAS, the County is proposing zoning code amendments at the request of the County Agricultural Commissioner and recommendation of the Nevada County Agricultural Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2016, the Planning Department staff prepared an Initial Study and Negative Declaration ("IS/ND") for the Project, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the IS/ND was submitted directly to affected local, regional, state, and federal agencies, including the United States Department of Agriculture and was released for a 30-day public review period, commencing on November 7, 2016 and ending December 6, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the IS/ND analyzes all of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Project and found that no significant impacts would result from the approval of the Project; and,

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2016, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed Project in which the Commission reviewed the proposed IS/MND together with all comments received during the public review period, and recommended adoption of this same Negative Declaration before making a recommendation to the Board on the proposed Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the recommendation of the Planning Commission and has independently reviewed the Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration (EIS16-0001), together with all comments received during the public review period, and hereby finds and determines as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. On the basis of the whole record before the Board of Supervisors, there is no substantial evidence that the proposed Project will have a significant effect on the environment.
3. The IS/ND reflects the Board's independent judgment and analysis.

4. The documents and materials constituting the record of the proceedings on which this decision is based are located and in the custody of the Nevada County Planning Department at 950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City, California.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the Negative Declaration (EIS16-0001) for the ***Agricultural Ordinance Amendment*** Project, to support and promote the success of the agricultural industry in unincorporated Nevada County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is directed to file a Notice of Determination pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15075 within five working after adoption of this resolution and approval of the proposed Project.