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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: February 22, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Supervisor Heidi Hall**

SUBJECT: Certificate of Recognition of Niel Locke for 25 years of dedicated public service on the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission and contribution to the community

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of the Certificate of Recognition of Niel Locke.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: On February 4, 1997 Mr. Niel Locke was appointed by then District I Supervisor Peter Van Zant to Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission. Niel served and worked on the NCHLC continuously for twenty-five years being reappointed by both former District I Supervisor Nate Beason during his 3 terms, and myself starting in 2017. Throughout Niel's tenure, he has exemplified outstanding public service on the commission and contributed to various accomplishments including, but not limited to, the recognition of women's suffrage in Callanan Park in Nevada City for the work of Ellen Clark Sargent, recognizing the importance of early Black pioneers via designation of the The Alexander Family Homesite in Nevada City, raising awareness and community support for the local Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribe, and the landmarking of Hirschman's Pond in Nevada City recognizing the importance and contribution of early Jewish settlers.

Niel's service goes well beyond the NCHLC and can be seen throughout the community. Specifically, Niel served as the elected Treasurer of Nevada City, and currently serves as the elected City Clerk. He also serves as the Chair of the California Heritage: Indigenous Research Project (C.H.I.R.P.). Over the years he has been a familiar face to the Nevada City community as the owner of Parent & Locke Antiques, Posh Nosh Restaurant, and Java John's Coffee Shop in Nevada City. Additionally, Niel and his long-time partner John served as Co-Grand Marshals of the Mardi Gras Parade in Nevada City – being the first in history to serve as co-marshals. Therefore, I urge the Board to acknowledge and approve the Certificate of Recognition for Niel Locke for his 25 years of outstanding public service and contribution to the community.

Sincerely,

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