



# **RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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

### **RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA) FOR THE PROVISION OF QUALITY COURT APPOINTED REPRESENTATION FOR THE BEST INTERESTS AND WELL-BEING OF FOSTER CHILDREN SERVED BY CHILD WELFARE SERVICES (CWS), FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2029**

WHEREAS, CASA is a community-based program that recruits, trains and supports volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in courtrooms and communities; and

WHEREAS, ensuring quality representation for the best interest and well-being of foster children, the partnership between CASA and CWS shall be structured to facilitate communication, collaboration, and a commitment to work effectively, while at the same time each is a parallel resource for the court to consider in its decision to serve the best interest of each foster child; and

WHEREAS, delineating the shared and individual responsibilities of CASA and CWS to promote positive relationships and implement systems for evaluation and improvement of the dependency system serves the best interest of foster children; and

WHEREAS, CWS and CASA desire to enter into a MOU whereby coordinating an approach to serving the best interests of court-involved youth who have experienced abuse or neglect is accomplished.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, that the MOU by and between CWS and CASA ensuring quality representation for the best interest and well-being of foster children, for the contract term of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029, be and hereby is approved, and that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors and the CWS Program Manager be and hereby are authorized to execute the MOU.