



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

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

#### **RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 AS SOUTH YUBA RIVER CITIZENS LEAGUE'S 26TH ANNUAL YUBA RIVER CLEANUP IN NEVADA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the mission of the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL) is to unite the community to protect and restore the Yuba River through science, engaging in active stewardship, educating the public and inspiring activism from the Sierra to the sea; and

WHEREAS, every year more than 800,000 people visit the Yuba River's swimming holes, beaches and trails, leaving behind tons of trash and recyclable bottles and cans; and

WHEREAS, SYRCL's Annual Yuba River Cleanup and River Ambassador Program are designed to keep the river clean, healthy and safe; and

WHEREAS, over the past 26 years, SYRCL volunteers have removed 135 tons of garbage and recyclables from the river canyon; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 407 volunteers removed nearly five tons of trash and recyclables from rivers, creeks, and lake shorelines within the Yuba River and Bear River watersheds; and

WHEREAS, families love the Cleanup and it is an excellent team-building opportunity for youth and school groups, clubs, faith-based organizations, and businesses to build camaraderie and leadership skills while cleaning up trash and trails in our cherished watershed; and

WHEREAS, keeping the river from being trashed is more than a one-day-a-year activity; and

WHEREAS, since 2012, a group of dedicated volunteer River Ambassadors have spent every summer weekend educating visitors at State Park river crossings about how to keep our waterways clean and safe; and

WHEREAS, SYRCL's River Ambassadors promote an ethic of responsible, non-polluting use of the river by speaking one-on-one with park guests at crossings, beaches, and on trails using a friendly, non-confrontational approach to bring awareness to the polluting impacts of trash and dog waste, the dangers of broken glass, the importance of recycling and the catastrophic potential of wildfire; and

WHEREAS, River Ambassadors have spoken to more than 59,560 river-goers, removed 41,435 pieces of trash, and collected more than 5,200 piles of dog waste, and work diligently to keep our river healthy by also providing dog waste and trash bags to recreationists; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Nevada County proclaims September 23, 2023 as the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Yuba River Cleanup in Nevada County, and encourages volunteers to register early for their favorite Cleanup sites at [www.yubariver.org](http://www.yubariver.org) for a family-friendly, fun morning spent cleaning up and restoring the river.