



**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** June 28, 2022  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Sue Hoek, District 4  
**SUBJECT:** Nevada County Youth Leadership Awards for Nathan and Sydney DuPont

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve award of Nevada County Youth Leadership Awards to Nathan and Sydney DuPont

**FUNDING:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:**

The County's vision, mission and value statements, as adopted by the Board each year, outline the dedication to outstanding public service with the mission to work with the community to develop sound and innovative public policy, provide strong leadership and deliver excellent services in a fiscally responsible manner. To recognize members of the public who exhibit and promote the county's vision of public service through strong leadership, the Nevada County Youth Leadership Award recognizes local youth for their outstanding service to the community. The awardee will receive a Challenge Coin, a certificate, and public recognition by the Board of Supervisors.

On the morning of March 20, 2022, 12-year old Sydney and her 15-year old brother Nathan rescued a drowning woman and her dog in Lake Wildwood. Sydney used her hands to paddle out to the woman on a standup paddle board while Nathan stayed on shore to call 911. Once Sydney reached the woman, it took several attempts to get her and the dog onto the paddle board, as the woman was suffering from hypothermia and kept sinking in the water. Neighbors in a kayak helped pull the paddle board with its three occupants back to shore where they wrapped the woman in blankets until the paramedics arrived.

During this entire event, Sydney and Nathan's parents were out running errands. The kids stayed calm and did this all by themselves. The drowning woman and her dog have since made a full recovery.

Therefore, it is recommended the Board approve the award of the Nevada County Youth Leadership Awards for Nathan and Sydney DuPont.

Sincerely,

Sue Hoek, District IV Supervisor