



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE AMENDED NEVADA COUNTY CANNABIS LOCAL EQUITY PROGRAM MANUAL

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 21-431 was adopted by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors on September 28, 2021, approving the Nevada County Cannabis Local Equity Program Manual, pursuant to the California Cannabis Equity Act of 2018; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Nevada County Local Equity Program is to assure that individuals who were adversely impacted by the war on drugs have access to assistance in entering the legal cannabis industry who would like to participate in the regulated marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the California Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) has conducted a review of the Nevada County Cannabis Equity Program and has identified eligibility criteria that appears to be overly inclusive/inconsistent with the California Cannabis Equity Act and that may not be consistent with California Proposition 209 and GO-Biz eligibility criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Local Equity Program Manual has been modified to better align with state law and GO-Biz eligibility criteria and language removed that previously identified sexual orientation, gender and people of color along with participation in the Nevada County Cannabis Alliance Compassionate Use Program; and

WHEREAS, the amended Nevada County Local Equity Program Manual continues to reflect the goals and objectives of the Good to Grow Equity Grant Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the Amended Nevada County Cannabis Local Equity Program Manual, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Nevada County Code and Cannabis Compliance Director or their designee to make modifications to the Nevada County Cannabis Local Equity Program Manual as needed for consistency with California State Law or the California Office of Business and Economic Development.