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Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 22, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Julie Patterson Hunter**

SUBJECT: Resolution endorsing and certifying the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission's designation of the Truckee Memorial Masonic Arch, located at 10142 Jibboom Street, Truckee, California 96161 (APN 19-102-04-000) as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 18-01. (District V)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached resolution requested by the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission to approve the designation of Truckee Memorial Masonic Arch located at 10142 Jibboom Street, California 96161 (APN 19-102-04-000) as Nevada County Historical Landmark 18-01.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND:

At its meeting on April 20, 2018 the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission unanimously approved the application submitted by the Truckee-Donner Historical Society, for registration of the Truckee Memorial Masonic Arch, located at 10142 Jibboom Street, Truckee, California 96161 (APN 19-102-04-000), and now recommends that the Board of Supervisors designate this site as Nevada County Historical Landmark 18-01.

The current property owner, Truckee-Donner Historical Society submitted an application to designate the Truckee Memorial Masonic Arch, on February 22, 2018 outlining that the Truckee Memorial Masonic Arch was a part of the entry archway to the Truckee Masonic Lodge #200, one of the oldest established lodges in the United States. The total archway is a 3000 pound Sierra granite tribute to the early Masons in Truckee, California. The Truckee Lodge #200 was granted a dispensation by Charles March, Grand Master of Masons in California, on October 14, 1869. From 1869 to 1909, the Lodge met at the Truckee Knights of Pythias Hall until it was moved to a new Truckee Masonic Temple, where the arch was erected with the new building. On November 30, 1993 a propane explosion occurred that destroyed the building that housed the arch. After fourteen years, the archway was re-erected at its current location at 10142 Jibboom Street next to the Old Truckee Jail Museum. As noted during the Arch's dedication at its current location in the Truckee-Donner Historical Society's *Echoes from the Past Newsletter*, March 2018 Issue I, "[t]he arch harkens back to Truckee's earliest days first as an outpost and then as a town. Twelve Masons attended the dedication and then right on time the sound of a freight train's whistle punctuated the silence evoking the time a century ago when the Masons built the Truckee lodge."

The Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission submitted a letter to the Board of Supervisors on April 20, 2018, requesting the Board of Supervisors approve the designation of the Truckee Memorial Masonic Arch, located at 10142 Jibboom Street in Truckee, California 96161 (APN 19-102-04-000) as Nevada County Historical Landmark 18-01.

Item Initiated by: Jeffrey Thorsby, Senior Administrative Analyst

Item Approved by: Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board

Submittal Date: May 7, 2018