



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

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

#### **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE KNEEBONE RANCH AND CEMETERY, LOCATED AT 14936 SPENCEVILLE ROAD, PENN VALLEY, CA 95946 (APN 002-040-016), WITHIN THE SPENCEVILLE WILDLIFE AREA, AS NEVADA COUNTY HISTORICAL LANDMARK NEV 25-06**

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission (NCHLC) was established in 1969 to promote the general welfare of Nevada County and its citizens through official recognition, recording, marking, preserving, and promoting the historical resources of Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, the NCHLC has since sustained an active program of cataloging and recommending for designation historical sites and structures throughout Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, the NCHLC accepts applications, processes and verifies applications for proposed historical landmark designation, and recommends said landmark designations for approval by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors supports the promotion of the public health, safety, and general welfare by providing for the identification, protection, enhancement, perpetuation, and use of improvements, buildings, structures, signs, objects, features, sites, places, districts, and areas within the County that reflect special elements of the County's architectural, artistic, cultural, engineering, aesthetic, historical, political, social, and other heritage, by allowing their registration as Nevada County Historical Landmarks for the following reasons:

1. Safeguarding Nevada County's heritage as embodied and reflected in the Kneebone Ranch and Cemetery and its influence on Nevada County's cultural and social history, and commemorating the valuable role it played in this community; and
2. Encouraging public knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of Nevada County's history as reflected in its heritage; and
3. Fostering civic and neighborhood pride and a sense of identity based upon the recognition and use of cultural resources; and
4. Preserving diverse and harmonious architectural styles and design innovations; and
5. Enhancing property values to increase economic and financial benefits to Nevada County and its inhabitants by preserving and promoting historical buildings; and
6. Protecting and enhancing Nevada County's attraction to tourists and visitors, thereby stimulating business and industry; and

7. Identifying, as early as possible, and resolving, conflicts between the preservation of cultural resources and alternative land uses in a section of Nevada County that may see future population growth; and

WHEREAS, NCHLC received an application from Karen Hill on behalf of the Kneebone family descendants, and signed by the current property owner, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, on May 5, 2025, requesting the Kneebone Ranch and Cemetery, located at 14936 Spenceville Road, Penn Valley, CA 95946 (APN 002-040-016), within the Spenceville Wildlife Area, be designated as a Nevada County Historical Landmark; and

WHEREAS, at its May 16, 2025, meeting, the NCHLC verified and unanimously approved the application and now recommends that the Board of Supervisors designate the property as a Nevada County Historical Landmark.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada hereby accepts the NCHLC's recommendation and designates the Kneebone Ranch and Cemetery, located at 14936 Spenceville Road, Penn Valley, CA 95946 (APN 002-040-016), within the Spenceville Wildlife Area, as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 25-06; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to record a certified copy of this Resolution with the Office of the Nevada County Clerk-Recorder within ten (10) days after the adoption hereof.