



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NEVADA COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY TO REQUEST A \$200,000 GRANT TO FUND DEVELOPMENT OF A RECREATION AND RESILIENCE MASTER PLAN.

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of the connection between the economic resilience of our community, the health of ecosystems, and tourism and outdoor recreation, and the opportunity to support community health, safety, economy, environment, and resilience; and

WHEREAS, the unprecedented increase in visitation because of the pandemic, coupled with the risk of catastrophic wildfire and drought due to climate change, threatens the County's invaluable open spaces and trails; and

WHEREAS, the *Ad Hoc* Open Space & Trails Subcommittee was established to provide oversight and coordination to further open space and trail planning and implement priority objectives; and

WHEREAS, the *Ad Hoc* Open Space & Trails Subcommittee has identified the benefit and opportunity of an organizing plan, with the working title of the Recreation and Resilience Master Plan, to coordinate and communicate a strategic vision of stakeholder priorities and provide an actionable road map to support health and safety, sustain economic benefits, and protect our environment;

WHEREAS, the County intends to engage stakeholders in a collaborative community-based planning effort to develop the Recreation and Resilience Master Plan, which will lead to a prioritized implementation effort to protect these cherished natural resources and support sustainable recreational access; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy is to initiate, encourage, and support efforts that improve the environmental, economic, and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region, its communities, and the citizens of California, and Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Strategic Plan identifies a Vibrant Recreation and Tourism goal aimed at enhancing, promoting, and developing sustainable recreation and tourism opportunities in the Sierra Nevada Region; and

WHEREAS, the Vibrant Recreation and Tourism goal concentrates on efforts to enhance, promote, and develop sustainable recreation and tourism opportunities in the Sierra Nevada Region; and

WHEREAS, The bipartisan Laird-Leslie Sierra Nevada Conservancy Act (Act), enacted in 2004 and commencing with Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 33300, established the SNC; Sections 33343 and 33346 set forth the authority for SNC to award grants of funds in order to carry out the purposes of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding, if awarded, will be matched with \$150,000 from the County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation, and funds will be used by the Nevada County Planning Department to retain a qualified consultant to develop the Recreation and Resilience Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the grant will be brought back to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, hereby approves the filing of a grant application by the Nevada County Planning Department to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program Vibrant Recreation and Tourism program for \$200,000 to fund development of a Recreation and Resilience Master Plan.