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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 10, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Julie Patterson Hunter

SUBJECT: Resolution acknowledging the local historical significance of the Truckee Freemasons and approving a landmark plaque be placed at the Truckee Memorial Masonic Arch, located at 10142 Jibboom Street, Truckee, California 96161 (APN 019-102-004-000) commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Truckee Freemasons

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: At its meeting on August 16, 2019 the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission unanimously approved the application submitted by the Truckee Masonic Lodge #200 F&AM requesting the designation of the Truckee Memorial Masonic Arch, located at 10142 Jibboom Street, Truckee, California 96161 (APN 019-102-004-000), as a Nevada County Historical Landmark commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Truckee Free Masons. The Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission submitted a letter to the Board of Supervisors on August 26, 2019, requesting the Board of Supervisors designating the Truckee Memorial Masonic Arch as a Nevada County Historical Landmark commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Truckee Freemasons. Because the Board of Supervisors designated the Truckee Memorial Masonic Arch as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 18-01 on May 22, 2018 via Resolution 18-205, staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors acknowledges the local historical significance of the Truckee Freemasons through the approval of landmark plaque at the Truckee Memorial Masonic commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Truckee Freemasons.

The applicant explains that the “Freemasons have been instrumental to the social and economic life of growing towns like Truckee. In 1869, Truckee became an important railroad station. At the same time a group of Truckee Freemasons were granted a dispensation to start Lodge No. 200. Five months later on October 14, 1869, Truckee Lodge No. 200 was given its charter. Many of the Truckee Freemasons were railroad workers and a steady group of early Truckee business and professional men helped keep the Truckee Masonic charter open. For 150 years the Truckee Freemasons have helped build the town of Truckee.”

Item Initiated by: Jeffrey Thorsby, Senior Administrative Analyst

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

Submittal Date: August 28, 2019