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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: August 22, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Hardy Bullock, District V Supervisor**

SUBJECT: Certificate of Recognition for Alison Schwedner for her efforts, leadership, guidance, and dedication towards improving the lives of families and youth in the Truckee Tahoe Region

RECOMMENDATION: Present the Certificate of Recognition

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND:

For nearly 20 years, Alison Schwedner has dedicated her life and her career to serving the Truckee Tahoe community through her work with several non-profits in the area. Alison's impressive career began when she made the decision to volunteer at Tahoe Women's Services on their 24-hour Community Help Line, supporting domestic violence survivors. Her experience at Tahoe Women's Services opened her eyes to the real challenges faced by members of the local population that often go unseen.

Alison subsequently worked for both Tahoe SAFE Alliance and North Tahoe Family Resource Center before joining the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation in 2008.

At the Community Foundation, Alison served as the Director of the Community Collaborative program. The Collaborative is comprised of 45 health, education, and social service organizations that work together to measure impact, integrate services, advocate, and build non-profit capacity to support youth and families in the region. As the Director of the Collaborative, Alison facilitated countless meetings amongst the participating agencies, giving a voice to community needs at decision-making tables and driving more resources to the issues. As a result, more members of the Truckee Tahoe community are fed, sheltered, and connected with the help they need.

In 2019, after years of conversations with the boards and staff of four critical safety-net, social service organizations (Family Resource Center of Truckee, North Tahoe Family Resource Center, Tahoe SAFE Alliance, and Project MANA), Alison successfully engineered the merger of these four agencies into the Sierra Community House. Today, the Sierra Community House serves a critical access point for a comprehensive set of services for families in need in the Truckee Tahoe region.

Additionally, Alison has led diversity, equity, and inclusion conversations with community groups, nonprofits, and governmental organizations in the Truckee Tahoe region, facilitated suicide

prevention trainings, mentored nonprofit professionals through the On-the-Verge leadership program, led a county-wide mental health needs assessment, and supported the Mental Health Fund which has aligned more than \$1 million to our regional Behavioral Health Roadmap strategy.

In addition to her extensive non-profit experience, Alison also spent time with the Colorado Department of Corrections as a reintegration center. Alison has served on the Nevada County Mental Health Advisory Board, California Family Strengthening Networks Steering Committee, and California Family Resource Association Policy Committee.

Alison's work has been guided by her fundamental belief that "every human being has strengths and struggles. Not one of us gets by on our own. We need each other to find our way."

Therefore, I request that the Board of Supervisors present the attached Certificate of Recognition and a challenge coin to Ms. Alison Schwedner for her efforts, leadership, guidance, and dedication towards improving the lives of families and youth in the Truckee Tahoe Region.

Sincerely,

Hardy Bullock
Board of Supervisor, District V