



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

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

### **RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA) FOR THE PROVISION OF QUALITY COURT APPOINTED REPRESENTATION FOR THE BEST INTERESTS AND WELL-BEING OF FOSTER CHILDREN SERVED BY CHILD WELFARE SERVICES (CWS) FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026**

WHEREAS, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is a community-based program that recruits, trains and supports volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in courtrooms and communities; and

WHEREAS, ensuring quality representation for the best interest and well-being of foster children, the partnership between the CASA and the Child Welfare Services (CWS) shall be structured to facilitate communication, collaboration, and a commitment to work effectively. At the same time, each is a parallel resource for the court to consider in its decision to serve the best interest of each foster child; and

WHEREAS, delineating the shared and individual responsibilities of CASA and CWS; to promote positive relationships; and to implement systems for evaluation and improvement of the dependency system serves the best interest of foster children; and

WHEREAS, Nevada County Child Welfare Services and CASA desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) whereby coordinating an approach to serving the best interests of court involved youth who have experienced abuse or neglect is accomplished.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, that the MOU by and between Child Welfare Services and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) ensuring quality representation for the best interest and well-being of foster children for the contract term of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026 be and hereby is approved, and that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors and the Child Welfare Services Program Manager be and is hereby authorized to execute the MOU.