



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL'S DESIGNATION AS A NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

WHEREAS, October 2, 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the Pacific Crest Trail's designation as a National Scenic Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Crest Trail is one of the original two National Scenic Trails in the nation, along with the Appalachian Trail, that were designated by the National Trails System Act of 1968, a bipartisan act of the United States Congress signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on October 2, 1968; and

WHEREAS, a trail between Mexico and Canada along the western mountains was first proposed by Clinton C. Clarke in 1932, and thanks to the dedicated work of many thousands of volunteers, the Pacific Crest Trail route was officially completed in 1993; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Crest Trail spans 2,650 miles (4,265 kilometers) from the Mexican border near Campo, California, to the Canadian border near Boundary Monument 78 in Washington, and generally runs along the high crests of the Sierra Nevada and Cascade mountain ranges, crossing diverse landscapes in California, Oregon and Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Crest Trail extends 1,692 miles through some of the most beautiful and wild parts of California and passes through 20 California Counties, 5 California state parks, as well as national forests, national parks, national wilderness areas, national monuments and private properties, as well as within 35 miles of over 800 small cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Crest Trail is open to the public for foot and equestrian travel, and more than 5,000 thru-hikers have completed the trail in a single trip, which can take 4 to 6 months to complete, and numerous day hikers and weekend backpackers participate in the outdoor recreation the Pacific Crest Trail provides; and

WHEREAS, the management and protection of the Pacific Crest Trail is the responsibility of a partnership between the United States Forest Service and the Pacific Crest Trail Association, along with many other federal, state and local agencies, and more than 2,000 volunteers who are experts in everything from trail building to trail maintenance and are devoted to maintaining and managing the trail for all to enjoy a closeness with nature; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail runs through Nevada County Supervisorial District 5 and brings countless through-hikers and day hikers to Nevada County annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada does hereby proclaim the 50th anniversary of the designation of the Pacific Crest Trail as a National Scenic Trail and urges all involved to preserve and maintain this world-renowned trail for the continued use and enjoyment of the public.