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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 14, 2022
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Julie Patterson Hunter
SUBJECT: Resolution designating 305 Broad Street in Nevada City as the site of the County's first commercial winery, located at 305 Broad Street, Nevada City, CA 95959 (APN 005-398-012-000) as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 22-03

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached resolution.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND:

At its meeting on April 15, 2022 the Nevada County Historical Landmark's Commission (NCHLC) unanimously approved an application to designate 305 Broad Street in Nevada City as the site of the County's first commercial winery, located at 305 Broad Street, Nevada City, CA, 95959 (APN 005-398-012-000) as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 22-03. The application was developed and submitted by the Celio Family on April 2, 2022 who owns the property that is currently used as the Novak's Menswear store.

As outlined in the application, 305 Broad Street is believed to be the site of the first commercial winery in Nevada County. Specifically, in the 1850's over 100,000 grapevines were planted throughout the county, many by French settlers. On June 1, 1860, Augustine Isoard began advertising that he was operating a wine and liquor store at the location. By 1862 the Morning Transcript reported that "Mons, Isoard, on Broad Street, has a wine press put up in his establishment, and is extracting the juice of the grape at a great rate."

Mr. Isoard's operation was the beginning of a thriving industry in Nevada County. By 1870 it was reported that over 50,000 gallons of wine were produced in the area and around 1880 the original Nevada City Winery was established. Almost 100 years later in 1987 Nevada County became a part of the Sierra Foothills American Viticultural Area. Therefore, the NCHLC recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution designating 305 Broad Street in Nevada City as the site of the County's first commercial winery, located at 305 Broad Street, Nevada City, CA, 95959 (APN 005-398-012-000) as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 22-03.

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Item Approved by: Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board
Submittal Date: June 2, 2022