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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD AGENDA MEMO

MEETING DATE: February 28, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Heidi Hall, District 1

SUBJECT: Resolution acknowledging International Day of Women and Girls

in Science

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: The International Day of Women and Girls in Science is an annual observance adopted by the United Nations General Assembly to promote the full and equal access and participation of women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields.

A significant gender gap has persisted throughout the years at all levels of STEM disciplines all over the world. Even though women have made tremendous progress towards increasing their participation in higher education, they are still under-represented in these fields.

Tackling some of the greatest challenges our planet faces – from improving global health outcomes to combating climate change – will rely on harnessing all talent. Additionally, diversity in research expands the pool of talented researchers, bringing in fresh perspectives, talent and creativity.

Local women in the sciences, Alecia Weisman, Headwaters Science Program Director at the South Yuba River Citizens League and Teran Baker, senior at Nevada Union High School and standout student in the sciences, will appear before the board for this item.

Item Initiated: Sarah Holyhead Approved: Julie Patterson Hunter Submittal Date: February 15, 2023