



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

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

### **RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SUPPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES' AT HOME PLAN AND DIRECTING STAFF TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS REGARDING ITS ADVOCACY FOR THE PROMOTION AND FURTHERANCE OF THE WELLBEING OF HOMELESS POPULATIONS**

WHEREAS, homelessness is an urgent humanitarian crisis with an estimated 172,000 unsheltered individuals across California; and

WHEREAS, the undertow of massive economic and systemic inequities, as well as a tangled web of decisions made by well-intentioned policies and programs built over decades, continues to stymie efforts to support those who are unhoused or at risk of becoming unhoused; and

WHEREAS, homelessness has been a standalone priority objective for the county since 2018, most recently being reaffirmed on February 7, 2023 that the County of Nevada in partnership with the Continuum of Care, prevent homelessness, address the needs of people experiencing homelessness, and move towards sustainable, ongoing programs via Resolution 23-068; and

WHEREAS, unlike other areas of government such as education, child welfare, infrastructure and many other policy areas, California as a state lacks a holistic and comprehensive plan to serve those who are unhoused and at-risk of becoming unhoused effectively and equitably; and

WHEREAS, the current statewide approach to addressing homelessness is fragmented and lacks clear lines of responsibility, accountability and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, to make meaningful progress in helping those who are unhoused and housing insecure, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) offers a first-of-its-kind comprehensive approach to address homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the AT HOME plan includes broad goals and specific policy proposals to ensure clear lines of responsibility and accountability for every level of government and improve the way California collectively responds to those who are unhoused or at risk of becoming unhoused; and

WHEREAS, the six pillars of AT HOME stand for Accountability, Transparency, Housing, Outreach, Mitigation, and Economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, AT HOME elevates homelessness as an important shared California priority, consistent with how education, child welfare, infrastructure, and other major issues are prioritized; and

WHEREAS, AT HOME provides a comprehensive roadmap to reducing and mitigating homelessness; and

WHEREAS, counties run or administer most health and human services programs on behalf of the state and federal government; and

WHEREAS, these programs include CalWORKs, Medi-Cal, mental health and substance use disorder services, In-Home Supportive Services, Child Welfare Services, Adult Protective Services, and Cal Fresh; and

WHEREAS, California's counties including Nevada County are at the frontlines of these crucial safety net programs; and

WHEREAS, the causes and solutions to homelessness extend beyond safety net services and require investments in housing, collaboration between local jurisdictions, and clear responsibilities and accountability at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, the AT HOME Plan is consistent with the efforts of the joint County/Continuum of Care action plan to i) prevent homelessness, ii) provide emergency shelter, iii) expand supportive services, iv) increase affordable, subsidized and supported housing, and v) enhance communication, coordination and collaboration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada hereby proclaims its support for the California State Association of Counties AT HOME Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby directs staff to take the necessary actions regarding its advocacy for the promotion and furtherance of the wellbeing of people experiencing homelessness, to join the growing coalition of local government, public safety, social justice, health, labor, housing, community and other organizations throughout the state in support of AT HOME, and to provide a copy of this Resolution to the California State Association of Counties.