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**NEVADA COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**



**KEITH ROYAL**  
SHERIFF / CORONER  
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** June 20, 2017

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Keith Royal, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing the execution of a renewal contract with the County of Placer for forensic pathology services and use of the County of Placer Morgue

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the resolution

**FUNDING:** Funding in the amount of \$110,000 is for FY 2017/2018, and \$110,000 for FY 2018/2019 and impacts the Sheriff's Office Operations budget. Monies have been budgeted for FY 2017/2018 using General Fund monies. These services are mandatory.

**BACKGROUND:** The Nevada County Sheriff's Office provides Coroner services for the County of Nevada. Unattended or suspicious deaths require the services of a Forensic Pathologist to perform autopsies and/or medical chart reviews to determine cause of death. Nevada County does not have a morgue, nor does the Sheriff's Office employ a forensic pathologist, as the cost would be prohibitive. Our neighboring county, the County of Placer, does have a morgue and employs two forensic pathologists.

The County of Nevada has found it prudent to contract for pathology services with the County of Placer. We have been very happy with their services, as their forensic pathologists are experienced and reputable. We also feel we are receiving services at a very reasonable cost of \$110,000 per year for up to 120 coroner cases.

This resolution will authorize an agreement for pathology services for FY 17/18 and 18/19 with two one-year renewal options.

**Initiated and Approved by:** Keith Royal