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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:** December 12, 2017

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing execution of a renewal personal services contract with National Medical Services for forensic toxicology services

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Resolution

**FUNDING:** Coroner Services provided by the Sheriff's Office are mandatory services. General Fund monies were budgeted and will be used in the amount of up to \$45,000 for FY 17/18. No budget amendment is required.

**BACKGROUND:**

National Medical Services (NMS) has provided toxicology services for the Nevada County Sheriff's Office since 1991. The Coroner often needs to send tissue and/or blood samples from deceased individuals to aid in the determination of the cause of death. The Sheriff's Office is very satisfied with the service they provide and have found they offer the most comprehensive services at a reasonable price.

NMS provides state of the art tests that others either do not provide or are not capable of providing. Their specialization in postmortem toxicology provides a vital service to our department. NMS is considered a national reference laboratory.

NMS has offered "bundled pricing" on the tests our forensic pathologist requests most often. This new contract is for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, with maximum contract charges not to exceed \$90,000 for the two year period. The maximum budgeted contract amount is higher than historically billed but we prefer to keep the higher amount for exigent circumstances.

**Initiated and Approved by:** Keith Royal