RESOLUTION No. 15-405

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE COMMITMENT OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA TO PREVENTING COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN IN OUR COUNTY AND TO WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH ALL COUNTY PARTNERS TO IDENTIFY, PROTECT, AND SERVE THESE VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors recognizes that the commercial sexual exploitation of children is a pressing national, state, and local issue; and

WHEREAS, the FBI estimates that 100,000 children in the United States are sold for sex each year, including child sex trafficking, child sex tourism, and child pornography; and

WHEREAS, three of the top 13 highest trafficking areas in the nation are located in California: San Francisco, Los Angeles, and the San Diego metropolitan areas; and

WHEREAS, county law enforcement, Child Welfare Services, Behavioral Health, the courts, and community-based organizations report increasing numbers of exploited underage victims; and

WHEREAS, counties have led the effort to address the unique needs of CSEC youth, including working with law enforcement and the courts to divert suspected exploited children; and

WHEREAS, county law enforcement, Child Welfare Services, Behavioral Health, the courts, and community-based organizations continue to grapple with identifying and assisting CSEC youth but have also made significant gains in meeting the unique needs of these traumatized children; and

WHEREAS, the need for intensive services tailored to minors who have been ensnared in the illegal sex trafficking trade remains critical.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Nevada County hereby affirms the County's commitment to developing and supporting strategies to prevent, reduce, and serve the victims of commercial sexual exploitation of children and to working to eliminate sex trafficking in California.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 11th day of August, 2015, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Nathan H. Beason, Edward Scofield, Dan Miller, Hank Weston and Richard Anderson.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

ATTEST:

JULIE PATTERSON HUNTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____

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Edward C. Scofield, Chair

8/11/2015 cc: COB*