



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CONFLICT INDIGENT LEGAL DEFENSE SERVICES

WHEREAS, the responsibility for providing and funding legal representation in California for those who cannot afford counsel falls to each individual county; and

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada (County) meets this responsibility primarily through a County Public Defender's Office; and

WHEREAS, when a conflict of interest is present or when the Public Defender's Office is otherwise unable to represent an indigent client, counsel must be provided by an outside attorney; and

WHEREAS, appointment of counsel is the responsibility of the Superior Court of California, County of Nevada (Court); and

WHEREAS, the County has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Court wherein it is agreed that the Court will appoint contracted counsel whenever it is reasonably possible; and

WHEREAS, the current contract structure presents a number of deficiencies that create challenges for both the County and the Court; and

WHEREAS, the County is interested in pursuing an approach to contracting for conflict indigent defense services that addresses the identified issues and improves the Conflict Indigent Defense program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors directs the Purchasing Agent to issue a Request for Proposals for Conflict Indigent Legal Defense Services.