



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2020 AS GRAND JURY AWARENESS MONTH IN NEVADA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Grand Juries are crucial components of California's justice system; and

WHEREAS, Grand Juries have been in existence since the adoption of California's original Constitution in 1849-1850; and

WHEREAS, Grand Juries are impaneled to act as an "arm of the court," as authorized by the State Constitution, to be a voice of the people and a conscience of the community; and

WHEREAS, like other California counties, Nevada County has a Grand Jury composed of individuals who dedicate their time for a full calendar year to serve in the Grand Jury system; and

WHEREAS, the primary duties of the Nevada County Grand Jury are to investigate and report on local governmental operations to assure that the responsibilities are being fulfilled efficiently, honestly and in the best interest of the public; and

WHEREAS, Grand Juries serve as a watchdog authority and are well suited to the effective investigation of local governments because they are independent bodies, operationally separate from the entities and officials they investigate; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to provide a designated opportunity to recognize the efforts of those who have volunteered, and are volunteering, their time and service to advance the work of the Nevada County Grand Jury; and

WHEREAS, the reward of being 19 Grand Jurors is the satisfaction received working with fellow residents of the county to improve local government for all of us.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of February 2020 as Grand Jury Awareness Month in Nevada County.