



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE GRASS VALLEY AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL SITE, FORMERLY LOCATED AT 319 AND 321 SOUTH CHURCH ST, GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945 (APN 008-405-015-000; APN 008-405-014-000) AS NEVADA COUNTY HISTORICAL LANDMARK NEV 21-02

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission (NCHLC) was established in 1969 to promote the general welfare of Nevada County and its citizens through official recognition, recording, marking, preserving, and promoting the historical resources of Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, the NCHLC has since sustained an active program of cataloging and recommending for designation historical sites and structures throughout Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, the NCHLC accepts applications, processes and verifies applications for proposed historical landmark designation, and recommends said landmark designations for approval by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors supports the promotion of the public health, safety, and general welfare by providing for the identification, protection, enhancement, perpetuation, and use of improvements, buildings, structures, signs, objects, features, sites, places, districts, and areas within the County that reflect special elements of the County's architectural, artistic, cultural, engineering, aesthetic, historical, political, social, and other heritage, by allowing their registration as Nevada County Historical Landmarks for the following reasons:

1. Safeguarding Nevada County's heritage as embodied and reflected in the historic Grass Valley African Methodist Episcopal Church & School Site formerly located at 319 and 321 South Church St., Grass Valley, CA 95945, as well as on both adjacent parcels located at 315 and 323 South Church Street, its influence on Nevada County's cultural and social history, and commemorating the valuable role it played in this community; and
2. Encouraging public knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of Nevada County's history as reflected in its heritage; and
3. Fostering civic and neighborhood pride and a sense of identity based upon the recognition and use of cultural resources; and
4. Preserving diverse and harmonious architectural styles and design innovations; and
5. Enhancing property values to increase economic and financial benefits to Nevada County and its inhabitants by preserving and promoting historical buildings; and
6. Protecting and enhancing Nevada County's attraction to tourists and visitors, thereby stimulating business and industry; and

7. Identifying as early as possible and resolving conflicts between the preservation of cultural resources and alternative land uses in a section of Nevada County that may see future population growth; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2021, the City of Grass Valley City Council voted unanimously approving the historic designation of the African Methodist Episcopal Church formerly located at 315, 319, 321 & 323 South Church Street and authorized the Grass Valley Historical Commission to submit an application to NCHLC for County historical landmark designation; and

WHEREAS, at its April 16, 2021 meeting, the NCHLC verified and unanimously approved the application and now recommends that the Board of Supervisors designate the property as a Nevada County Historical Landmark: and

WHEREAS, only property owners of 319 and 321 (APN 008-405-015-000; APN 008-405-014-000) South Church Street, Grass Valley confirmed their approval for historical designation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada hereby accepts the NCHLC's recommendation and designates the Grass Valley African Methodist Episcopal Church and School Site formerly located at 319 and 321 South Church St., Grass Valley, CA 95945 as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 21-02.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to record a certified copy of this Resolution with the Office of the Nevada County Clerk-Recorder within ten (10) days after the adoption hereof.