



# **RESOLUTION No. 21-341**

## **OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MEASURE T: WILDFIRE PROTECTION MEASURE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING THE RISK OF WILDFIRE AND IMPROVING LOCAL WILDFIRE PREVENTION, AND PROVIDING A STABLE SOURCE OF LOCAL FUNDING FOR WILDFIRE PREVENTION AND MITIGATION THROUGH A SPECIAL TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF \$179 PER PARCEL WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TRUCKEE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR A PERIOD OF EIGHT (8) YEARS THAT SHALL BE CONSOLIDATED AND COME BEFORE THE VOTERS WITH THE GUBERNATORIAL RECALL ELECTION ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

WHEREAS, over a hundred (100) years of fire suppression around the Truckee area and throughout Nevada County has contributed to unnatural dense forest, dead trees and extensive hazardous vegetation build up; and

WHEREAS, approximately 75% of all improved parcels within Nevada County are in areas identified as elevated or extreme high-fire danger areas; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted its 2021 Board Objectives via Resolution 21-049 that included Emergency Preparedness to “lead the community in all hazards planning, preparedness, response, and recovery with a focus on wildfire by focusing on improving countywide evacuation safety, continuing to strengthen early alert and warning systems; creating more defensible space around properties and roadways, engaging residents in emergency preparedness and fire-safe land stewardship, leading the community in recovery from Federally declared disasters and by mitigating the impact of Public Safety Power Shutoff Events”; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2021 the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 21-085 approving its 2021 Legislative Platform that includes wildfire mitigation efforts to advocate for ongoing sustainable funding for wildfire mitigation projects and programs including direct funding allocations to the County, local jurisdictions and community partners; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2021, the Truckee Fire Protection District (TFPD) voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 02-2021 to hold a special election placing Measure T, a Wildfire Protection Measure, before the voters that would, if approved, levy a \$179 special parcel tax within the Truckee Fire Protection District for a period of eight (8) years with the sole purpose of reducing the risk of wildfire and improving local wildfire prevention, and providing a stable, dedicated source of local funding for wildfire prevention and mitigation; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2021 TFPD adopted Resolution 12-2021 consolidating its special election with the gubernatorial recall election on September 14, 2021 declared by proclamation of Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis issued on July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Measure T would enable further implementation of priority projects and address the full scope of needs identified in the TFPD Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) adopted on November 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Measure T does include an exemption for property owners who own and occupy a single-family home as their principal residence that qualify as low-income as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") which is complimentary to the County's 2021 Priority Objective on Housing to coordinate with local jurisdictions, developers and other partners to facilitate development of and access to affordable and workforce housing development; and

WHEREAS, the TFPD surveyed voters and found that 95% respondents said wildfire was their biggest concern and 79% said they would support a \$179 property tax; and

WHEREAS, as a special tax, Measure T expenditures would be reviewed by an independent citizen's committee to ensure the transparency of its use to remain consistent with voter approval; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of hazardous vegetation is critical in addressing the crisis of the availability and affordability of homeowners and commercial fire insurance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, proclaims its support for Measure T: Wildfire Protection Measure for the purpose of reducing the risk of wildfire and improving local wildfire prevention, and providing a stable source of local funding for wildfire prevention and mitigation through a special tax in the amount of \$179 per parcel within the boundaries of the Truckee Fire Protection District for a period of eight (8) years that shall be consolidated and come before the voters with the gubernatorial recall election on September 14, 2021.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward Scofield, Dan Miller, Susan K. Hoek and Hardy Bullock.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

ATTEST:

JULIE PATTERSON HUNTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 

  
Dan Miller, Chair