

WHEREAS, the Washoe County Commission has included "Stewardship of our community" as a strategic objective; and

WHEREAS, the Washoe County Commission has included "Be responsive and proactive to pending economic impacts" as a strategic goal; and

WHEREAS, Washoe County is expected to add over 100,000 new residents by 2030, and these new residents will require housing and employment as well as recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Washoe County contains millions of acres of public lands that provide important recreational opportunities including hiking, camping, horseback riding, off highway vehicle use, hunting, and fishing; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive public lands legislation would improve the Washoe County economy by making available appropriate Federal lands for economic development purposes; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive public lands legislation would expand recreational opportunities in Washoe County by providing land for parks and trails, land and funding for recreational facilities, and preserving opportunities for hiking, hunting, camping, and motorized recreation on public lands; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive public lands legislation would further conservation by designating appropriate wilderness areas and providing funding for habitat restoration and other conservation activities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Washoe County Board of Commissioners supports the development of comprehensive public lands legislation addressing economic development, conservation, and recreation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Washoe County Board of Commissioners are committed to partnering with our Nevada Congressional Delegation and other diverse stakeholders to develop a well-balanced approach to comprehensive public land management legislation for Washoe County to facilitate job creation and achieve important conservation goals for Washoe County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Washoe County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests an expeditious process for the development and introduction of comprehensive public lands legislation for Washoe County in the Congress followed by its successful enactment.

ADOPTED this 10th day of May, 2016

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Kitty K. Jung, Chai

Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

Vaney Parent, County Clerk