Nevada County Historical Society Resolution 2020-01

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Historical Society pledges its continued commitment to assisting the Nisenan Tribal Community of the Nevada City Rancheria in their quest to preserve and protect their native culture; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years since their native lands were infringed upon and their very existence threatened, the Nisenan have formed bonds with others to help them survive. In the late 1800's Belle Douglas, a prominent Nevada City resident, lobbied for Nisenan Tribal rights and protection. In the 1940's the Nevada County Historical Society stepped in to form a relationship with tribal members and that relationship has remained active to this day. Firehouse No. 1 museum, along with the Society's Searls Library for Historical Research, commemorates the contributions to our town of all of our ancestors, including the Nisenan; and

WHEREAS, we are committed to providing the tribe with our resources as they continue to develop programs to preserve their culture while educating others. We offer them access to our considerable database for purposes of researching baskets and regalia and records. By offering our resources and staff, we will continue to serve as mentors as they pursue their current goals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we acknowledge the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribe as the oldest Nevada County residents and citizens, we support the restoration of the Tribe's Federal Status and all rights that come with it, we support the Tribe's inherent rights to self-govern.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we recommend that the U.S. Congress enact legislation to restore Federal Recognition to the Nevada City Rancheria and that the State of California adopt a Joint State Resolution in support of the restoration of Federal Recognition to the Nevada City Rancheria and that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors and other local governmental bodies adopt Resolutions of support of the restoration of Federal Recognition to the Nevada City Rancheria.

Passed and Adopted this Ethday of May, 2019.

Daniel Ketcham, President