

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO NEVADA WATER INNOVATION CAMPUS

WHEREAS, the University of Nevada, Reno has established the *Nevada Water Innovation Campus*; and

WHEREAS, the *Nevada Water Innovation Campus* is the outcome of a shared vision by the University of Nevada Reno, Washoe County, Truckee Meadows Water Authority, City of Reno, City of Sparks, Nevada Department of Transportation, the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission, and the Western Regional Water Commission; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the *Nevada Water Innovation Campus* is to assist local, regional, and State authorities develop innovative strategies and methods to address water needs and opportunities in the Truckee Meadows and the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the *Nevada Water Innovation Campus* is to become a nationally and internationally recognized innovation campus, solving real-world problems in the water sector and providing opportunities for economic growth and water resiliency; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of the Nevada Water Innovation Campus are to develop innovative water management systems and practices; build partnerships with UNR, local agencies, and industry; demonstrate national leadership in water innovation; enhance community awareness and consumer understanding about water issues and practices; educate and prepare the next generation of water professionals; and, create a local water research hub of activity; and

WHEREAS, the *Nevada Water Innovation Campus* objectives are aligned with Washoe County's Strategic Direction - *Washoe County will be the social, economic and policy leadership force in Nevada and the western United States*; and

WHEREAS, Washoe County will commit \$25,000 annually to the *Nevada Water Innovation Campus* in calendar years 2018, 2019, and 2020; and

WHEREAS, Washoe County possesses technical and managerial expertise to effectively advise the Nevada Water Innovation Campus Program Director on regional water research and innovation needs; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Washoe County to support the University of Nevada, Reno Water Innovation Campus, and authorize staff to make the annual financial contributions and provide advisory support.

This resolution is effective on passage and approval.

Adopted this 13th day of February, 2018 by the following vote:

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

Abstain: _____

Chair,
Washoe County Commission

Attest:

Washoe County Clerk