

**RESOLUTION** – Affirming Washoe County’s Designation as a Team member in the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Pilot Program

**WHEREAS**, a key part of the vision for Washoe County is to be known for its innovative industries; and,

**WHEREAS**, Washoe County was settled by pioneers and desires to continue the pioneering spirit in aviation by being a team member in the City of Reno’s application to the United States Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration for designation as one of the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Pilot Program participants in conjunction with the state and tribal governments as relevant; and

**WHEREAS**, Washoe County and the City of Reno hosts private unmanned aircraft firm Flirtey Inc., (Flirtey) an internationally proven leader in autonomous aviation, and the leading partner in a consortium of several Fortune 500 ranked private companies of national retailers and technology firms who are pioneering drone delivery, into Washoe County and the State of Nevada, creating new high paying jobs; boosting aviation innovation and economic development, enhancing automated transportation safety, ensuring workplace safety; improving significantly emergency response time and rescue, and creating more efficient and competitive use of radio spectrum in Washoe County; and,

**WHEREAS**, Flirtey was the first company to conduct an FAA-approved drone delivery in the United States in collaboration with NASA, the first to perform a fully autonomous drone delivery to a residential home in Washoe County, and the first to launch a commercial drone delivery service in the United States with deliveries to customer homes taking place in Washoe County; and,

**WHEREAS**, Flirtey has recently partnered with the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority (REMSA), the exclusive ground emergency medical services provider for Washoe County to launch the first automated external defibrillator (AED) drone delivery service in the United States to serve to improve emergency response and rescue functions to save lives; and,

**WHEREAS**, A proposed public-private partnership of which state-local-tribal government entities, including Washoe County will advance flight research, federal policy and regulatory scheme develop, federalism, and commercial flight operations for a more perfect, innovative, risk-reduced and operationally safe integration of unmanned aircraft delivery into the national airspace of Washoe County, the State of Nevada and the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Washoe County shall seek to collaborate with public entities, tribal governments and the private-sector consortium led by Flirtey to be a team member on the application to the United States Secretary of Transportation and the FAA prior to the end of December 2017; and

**RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of Washoe County that:

Agrees to be a team member with the City of Reno's application to the United States Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration as an Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Pilot Program participant, in conjunction with a private-sector consortium led by Flirtey Inc.

ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017

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Bob Lucey, Chair  
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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County Clerk