

RESOLUTION – Authorizing the Grant of Public Monies to a Nonprofit Organization Created for Religious, Charitable or Educational Purposes

WHEREAS, NRS 244.1505 provides that the Board of County Commissioners may expend money for any purpose which will provide a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the County and that a board may make a grant of money to a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes or to a governmental entity to be expended for a selected purpose; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County, upon the recommendation of Commissioner Mariluz Garcia for District 3, has determined that a donation of \$5,000.00 that had been previously granted to the Indigenous Peoples Council on Biocolonialism now be reallocated and granted to the Healing Waters Institute c/o Honor the Earth – a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes – to cover expenses for artist Autumn Harry to paint a mural at the Sparks Library ; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Honor the Earth is to protect the lifeways and sovereignty of their relatives across Mother Earth. This is done by investing in communities and a new generation of organizers through campaigns, research, training, reclaiming the narrative, and providing capacity support in service of all land and life; and

WHEREAS, Autumn Harry has painted murals on other public installations to discourage graffiti and encourage a sense of community and belonging; now, therefore, be it

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

1. The Board hereby grants a grant for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$5,000.00.
2. The Board finds that in making this grant a substantial benefit will be provided to the residents in Washoe County by meeting the needs of our growing community, supporting a thriving community, and strengthening our culture of service.
3. The funds shall not be used to purchase tickets to special events.
4. All funding provided under this resolution must be expended for the specified purpose within 12 months of the date of the resolution’s approval.

ADOPTED this 10th day of March, 2026.

Clara Andriola, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

County Clerk