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# STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: September 11, 2018

- **DATE:** August 10, 2018
- **TO:** Board of County Commissioners
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SUBJECT: Approve and execute the Permit for Disinterment of Human Remains of Carol J Ruddy, as allowed under NRS 451.050, Subsection 2. (All Commission Districts)

# **SUMMARY**

A request has been received from Mr. Joseph V Ruddy, Sr., 402 Dove Dr., Uniontown, Pennsylvania, 15401 to disinter and relocate the remains of Carole J Ruddy, his wife, who died on December 30, 2014 in Washoe County, Nevada. Disinterment will be from Mountain View Cemetery in Reno, Nevada. The deceased will be reinterred at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. Andy Ferguson, Funeral Director, Andrew D. Ferguson Funeral Home will be in charge of all arrangements.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: <u>Safe, Secure and</u> <u>Healthy Communities</u>.

# PREVIOUS ACTION

The Washoe Board of County Commissioners last approved a disinterment request at their November 12, 2014 meeting.

# **BACKGROUND**

NRS 451.050 Permit for disinterment or removal of human remains out of State.

1. Any person, company, association or corporation in this State who shall exhume or disinter, or who shall cause to be exhumed or disinterred, any human remains, or any port of such remains, which have been buried in the ground in this State, for the purpose of transporting the same to any other state or foreign country, except under the conditions provided in subsection 2, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. 2. The boards of county commissioners of the several counties in which human remains are buried or interred, as provided in subsection 1, are authorized to grant and to issue written permits for the disinterment and removal of any such human remains referred to in subsection 1, whenever in their judgement the public health will not be endangered by such disinterment and removal; but no such permit shall be granted or issued under any circumstances or at any time where the person or persons buried or interred have died from or with any contagious or loathsome disease.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no fiscal impact.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Washoe Board of County Commissioners approve and execute the Permit of Disinterment of Human Remains as allowed under NRS 451.050, Subsection 2.

#### POSSIBLE MOTION

Move to approve and execute the Permit of Disinterment of Human Remains as allowed under NRS 451.050, Subsection 2.