



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 13, 2026

**DATE:** December 26, 2025

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve an agreement between Washoe County and Nevada Donor Network for use of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office facility for postmortem tissue donation for a period of one year, with revenues totaling [\$247,464], effective January 1, 2026; and if approved, authorize the Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office to sign and execute the agreement. (All Commission Districts.)

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### **SUMMARY**

The Regional Medical Examiner's Office requests that the Board approve an agreement between Washoe County and Nevada Donor Network for use of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office facility for postmortem tissue donation for a period of one year, with revenues totaling \$247,464, retroactive to January 1, 2026.

### **Washoe County Strategic Objectives supported by this item:**

Innovative Services

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

September 26, 2017 – Board action to approve initial 3-year agreement with Nevada Donor Network

December 10, 2019 – Board action to approve 3-year agreement amendment/extension with Nevada Donor Network

August 23, 2022 – Board action to approve 3-year agreement with Nevada Donor Network

### **BACKGROUND**

In September 2017, the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office (WCRMEO) entered into an agreement with Nevada Donor Network (NDN) to allow use of the WCRMEO facility for postmortem tissue procurement. In 2019, due to the high volume of cases and the success of the program, the agreement was amended to increase

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the term and revenues generated. Upon the expiration of the amended agreement at the end of 2022, the county entered into a new 3-year agreement with NDN. That agreement expired on December 31, 2025. The WCRMEO has negotiated a successor agreement with NDN for the term January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

If approved, all revenues generated by this agreement will be deposited to 153011-460342 (Medical Examiner-Tissue Agreement Revenue).

The Regional Medical Examiner's Office anticipates total revenues generated by this agreement to be:

- Fiscal Year 2026 – \$123,732 (*agreement covers the final six months of FY26*)
- Fiscal Year 2027 – \$123,732 (*agreement covers the first six months of FY27*)

It should be noted that this agreement is a continuation of an existing agreement and the revenues are already budgeted for Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027. No new revenues are being generated by this agreement.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve an agreement between Washoe County and Nevada Donor Network for use of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office facility for postmortem tissue donation for a period of one year, with revenues totaling [\$247,464], effective January 1, 2026; and if approved, authorize the Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office to sign and execute the agreement.

## **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve an agreement between Washoe County and Nevada Donor Network for use of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office facility for postmortem tissue donation for a period of one year, with revenues totaling [\$247,464], effective January 1, 2026; and if approved, authorize the Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office to sign and execute the agreement."