

1 **NYE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2022-06**

2 **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS ON PUBLIC**
3 **LANDS IN NYE COUNTY, NEVADA**

4 WHEREAS, Nye County, Nevada, is the third largest county in the continental United
5 States comprising slightly over 11 million acres of which almost 93 percent is under management
6 and/or control of various departments and agencies of the federal government; and

7 WHEREAS, BLM has cancelled or suspended the update of the Resource Management
8 Plans in Nye County for the Pahrump Field Office (1998), the Tonopah Field Office (1996), and
9 the Carson City District (2001) that are required to effectively manage public lands that surround
10 Nye County communities; and

11 WHEREAS, the US Air Force will ask Congress to withdraw 18,500 acres, or more, of
12 public land from multiple use for safety purposes; and

13 WHEREAS, the US Navy will ask Congress to withdraw 85,000 acres, or more, of public
14 land from multiple use for the expansion of the Fallon Naval Air Station; and

15 WHEREAS, NASA will ask Congress to withdraw 22,000 acres, or more, of public land
16 from multiple use from Railroad Valley for their purposes; and

17 WHEREAS, Nye County staff, the communities, the Tribal Councils of both Yomba and
18 Duckwater, the Friends of the Nevada Wilderness, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest
19 Service, and others have arrived at a consensus for resolution to Wilderness Study Areas,
20 Wilderness Areas, Natural Conservation Areas, and Desert Tortoise Conservation Areas;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nye County Board of County
22 Commissioners does hereby support the U.S. Congressional Delegation's efforts to resolve Natural
23 Resources issues and development conflicts in Nye County by enacting legislation to provide for:

- 24 1. The designation of public lands for disposal for economic development in the
25 communities of Nye County.

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2. Designation of lands for the establishment of enduring areas of environmental importance for the conservation of endangered and sensitive species as may be needed to obtain a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service incidental take permit/Habitat Conservation Plan in Nye County.
3. The distribution of proceeds from public land sales in Nye County as follows:
 - a. Nevada education fund (5%)
 - b. Nye County services (10%) including use for fire protection, law enforcement, public safety, housing, social services, and transportation; and
 - c. BLM field offices in Pahrump and Tonopah (85%) to fund staff to carry out land sales and the National Environmental Policy Act and Federal Land Policy Management Act required surveys reports, and appraisals. To fund development of a Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan for Nye County; and to fund the inventory, evaluation, protection, and management of unique archeological resources in Nye County.
4. The addition of Nye County to the list of counties named in the FUNDING and related Sections of the Southern Nevada Policy and Land Management Act, as amended.
5. The disposal and conveyance to Nye County of lands for public purpose in accordance with the patent provisions of the Recreation and Public Purpose Act of 1926:
Shooting ranges, rural cemeteries, landfill sites, transportation and safety facilities, trailheads, and flood control basins.
6. The designation of renewable energy lease areas. The establishment and implementation of revenue-sharing programs consistent with geothermal revenue under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 for renewable energy leases on public lands.
7. Release of the Federal Reversionary interest in the Pahrump Fairgrounds and the Tonopah airport properties.

1 APPROVED this 1st day of March, 2022.

2 AYES:

3 Frank Carbone
4 Donna C. Cox
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8 Absent:

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NAYS:

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Abstention:

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11 NYE COUNTY
12 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

13 Frank Carbone
14 Frank Carbone, Chair

ATTEST:

Keegan Sidman
Sandra E. Merlino, Nye County Clerk
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board