

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLUMAS
AUTHORIZING THE INAUGURAL INCORPORATION OF PLUMAS COUNTY
INCLUDING THE CITY OF PORTOLA
INTO THE SIERRA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCLUSION AND PARTICIPATION IN THE
COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
AND ITS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES**

WHEREAS, Plumas County is named for the Spanish Río de las Plumas (the Feather River) which flows through it and is located in Northern California where the mountain ranges of the Sierra Nevada and Cascades meet with a 2020 Census Population of 19,790, and Quincy being the county seat; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portola, named after Spanish explorer Gaspar de Portolá, is the only incorporated city in Plumas County located on the nationally designated wild and scenic Middle Fork of the Feather River with a 2020 Census population of 2,100; and

WHEREAS, the United States Economic Development Administration's (U.S. EDA) mission is to promote innovation and competitiveness in order to prepare American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. EDA's investment policy is designed to establish a foundation for sustainable job growth and resilient regional economies using two key economic drivers—innovation and regional collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. EDA works directly with communities and regions to build capacity for economic development by locally driven grant investments in planning, technical assistance, and infrastructure construction; and

WHEREAS, to help lead the locally based, regionally driven economic development planning process, the U.S. EDA has designated economic development districts (EDD) across the United States through its authority under 13 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 304 Sec. 304.1 (Designation of Economic Development Districts: Regional eligibility); and

WHEREAS, the Sierra Economic Development District (SEDD) is a multijurisdictional entity comprised of all the county governments and incorporated cities within Placer County, Nevada County, El Dorado County, and Sierra County and involves public, private, and non-profit sectors; and

WHEREAS, the Plumas County jurisdictional boundaries are contiguous to the SEDD boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Plumas County, including the City of Portola, is a disinvested, underserved, remote rural county with one incorporated city that share common environmental, social, and economic conditions, challenges, and opportunities with the multijurisdictional SEDD and will greatly benefit from becoming a part of the SEDD; and

WHEREAS, the most urgent expected benefits of Plumas County incorporating into the SEDD are assistance with planning for economic development growth, responding to existing disaster recovery conditions, developing strategies to reverse the County's declining population trend, and increasing opportunities for high quality jobs and workforce training; and

WHEREAS, the Vision for the SEDD is shared prosperity, equitable opportunity, and a culture of innovation in a resilient economy; and

WHEREAS, the Sierra Business Council (SBC) is the administrator for the SEDD and seeks to aid in the creation of regional prosperity through the responsible mobilization of human, economic, social, natural, and financial capital to generate a healthy and collaborative local economy; and

WHEREAS, as the administrator for the SEDD, SBC is responsible for developing a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) pursuant to 13 CFR Part 303 Sec. 303.7 (Requirements for Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies) that is designed to build capacity and guide the direction of economic resiliency of the SEDD through a coordinated planning process of meaningful conversation and debate about the economic and community development goals and objectives, investment priorities, and funding sources; and

WHEREAS, the CEDS is a performance-based, strategy-driven plan for regional collaboration and is a cornerstone of the U.S. EDA's planning programs to engage community leaders and leverage the involvement of the private sector as a driver of public-private partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. EDA requires jurisdictions to successfully complete a CEDS in order to be eligible to apply for vital funding for economic and community development initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the CEDS is a strategic blueprint that serves as a means to focus on the U.S. EDA's seven investment priorities of recovery and resilience, equity, manufacturing, workforce development, technology-based economic development, environmentally sustainable development, and exports and foreign direct investment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Plumas, State of California, hereby:

1. Recognizes the approval on June 10, 2024, by the U.S. EDA Seattle Regional Office to incorporate Plumas County into the SEDD and concurrence from U.S. EDA National; and
2. Authorizes the inaugural incorporation of Plumas County into the SEDD for the purpose of inclusion and participation in the CEDS and its economic and community development initiatives.

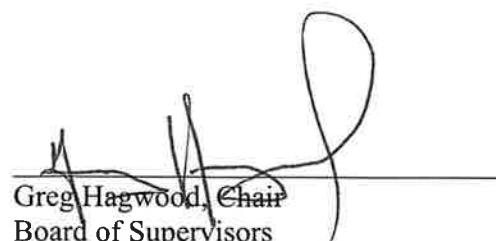
The foregoing was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Plumas, State of California, at a regular meeting of said Board on the 1st day of October 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors: Ceresola, McGowan, Goss, Engel, Hagwood

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:



Greg Hagwood, Chair
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Allen Hiskey
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Approved as to form:

Sari James, Attorney
County Counsel's Office