

**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.

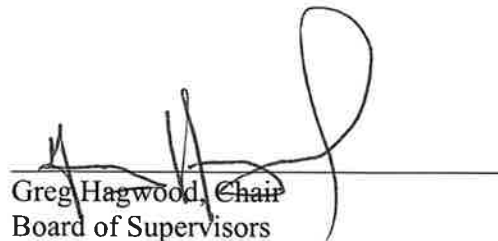
The foregoing was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Plumas, State of California, at a regular meeting of said Board on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2024, by the following vote:

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:  
  
Sara James, Attorney  
County Counsel's Office