

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2022 SECURE RURAL SCHOOL FUNDING

WHEREAS, Congress enacted in 1908, and subsequently amended a law that requires that 25 percent of the revenues derived from National Forest lands be paid to states for use by the counties in which the lands are situated for the benefit of public schools and roads; and

WHEREAS, the principal source of revenues from national forest lands is from the sale and removal of timber, which has been curtailed in recent years with a corresponding decline in revenues shared with counties; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress recognized a need to stabilize education and road maintenance funding, and to reimburse counties for emergency services provided on national forests, and to achieve that goal enacted the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (SRS), which has been amended and re-authorized for Federal Fiscal Years 2021-2023 (HR 3684 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act); and

WHEREAS, Title I of SRS provides the funding to stabilize education and road maintenance funding and gives each eligible county the right to elect to receive either its traditional share of revenues from the national forest lands pursuant to the Act of May 23, 1908 and Section 13 of the Act of March 1, 1911 (the 25-percent payments), or instead to receive a guaranteed minimum share of the State payment pursuant to Sections 102 (a) (1) (B) and 103 (the full county payment amount); and

WHEREAS, Title III of SRS allows funding to be used to reimburse eligible counties for the cost of emergency services provided on national forests; and

WHEREAS, any county electing to receive a full county payment amount that is \$100,000 or more must further elect to expend an amount not less than 15 percent nor more than 20 percent of the full county payment amount on eligible Title III activities; and

WHEREAS, Title III provides for county projects, some of which are associated with federal lands, with Title III authorizing expenditures for search, rescue and emergency services, fire prevention and planning under the Firewise Communities program, and development of community wildfire protection plans; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that Clark County elects to receive the guaranteed minimum “full county payment amount” that is \$100,000 or more; and that of the “full county payment amount” allocated, Clark County elects to allocate 85% in State Payment Title I and 15% in Title III eligible activities;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Finance forward the necessary documents to the State Treasurer’s Office.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 20th day of September, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

BY: _____
JAMES B. GIBSON, Chairman

ATTEST:

LYNN MARIE GOYA, County Clerk