A RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE TERM OF THE CIVIL GRAND JURY TO ACCOMMODATE THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, the Civil Grand Jury in the County of Glenn is an integral part of county government operations and oversight; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Grand Jury is a constitutionally created body governed by the statutes of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Penal Code section 905.5(a), the Civil Grand Jury in the County of Glenn has traditionally been impaneled and has served during the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020 Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19 and on March 12, 2020, through Executive Order N-25-20, he directed all residents to heed any orders and guidance of state and local public health officials; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20 directing all residents to heed the State Public Health Officer’s Stay-at-Home order which required all residents to stay at home except for work in critical infrastructure sectors or otherwise to facilitate authorized necessary activities; and

WHEREAS, the Stay-at-Home order will likely prevent the Civil Grand Jury from resuming normal operations for a significant period of time has prevented the Civil Grand Jury from effectively completing its work; and

WHEREAS, in light to the extraordinary challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and the Stay-at-Home order, the Civil Grand Jury does not believe that it will be able to complete its work by the June 30, 2020, deadline and has requested more time within which to complete its work; and

WHEREAS, the Court has advised the County that the solicitation for prospective grand jurors for the 2020/2021 Civil Grand Jury did not yield enough responses to impanel the 2020/2021 Civil Grand Jury by the current deadline of July 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Glenn County Superior Court has requested that the County, pursuant to California Penal Code section 905.5(b), transition the next Civil Grand Jury’s term from fiscal year to calendar year for the 2019/2020 term and then transition back from calendar year to fiscal year for the 2021/2022 term.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

A. Pursuant to California Penal Code section 905.5(b), the 2020/2021 Civil Grand Jury’s term shall be transitioned from fiscal year to calendar year commencing on January 1, 2021, and the term of the 2019/2020 Civil Grand Jury shall be extended until December 31, 2020.

B. Pursuant to California Penal Code section 905.5(b), the 2022/2023 Civil Grand Jury’s term shall be transitioned from calendar year to fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2022, and the term of the 2021/2022 Civil Grand Jury shall be extended until June 30, 2022.

THIS RESOLUTION was passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Glenn at a regular meeting thereof held on May 19, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT OR ABSTAIN:

Leigh McDaniel, Chairman
Board of Supervisors,
Glenn County California

ATTEST:

DI AULABAUGH, Clerk of the Board
Board of Supervisors, Glenn County,
California

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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