TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
TRPA RESOLUTION NO. 2026–

RECOGNITION CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNUAL LAKE TAHOE SUMMIT

Whereas, Lake Tahoe, straddling the border of California and Nevada in the Sierra Nevada, stands as a national treasure; and

Whereas, Lake Tahoe is 2.3 million years old, making it North America's oldest freshwater, permanent lake and the third oldest in the world. Lake Tahoe is also the second deepest lake in the United States, plunging to a depth of 1,645 feet, with waters so clear that objects can be seen at depths exceeding 70 feet; and

Whereas, Lake Tahoe is the ancestral, current, and future home of the Washoe people and the name Lake Tahoe derives from mispronunciation of the native name for the lake, *dáʔaw*; and

Whereas, Nevada's U.S. Senator Harry Reid and California U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein spearheaded the inaugural Lake Tahoe Summit in 1997; the event brought together federal, state, regional, and local leaders, the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, scientists, environmental advocates, and economic interests to address the deteriorating clarity of Lake Tahoe's waters; and

Whereas, the inaugural Tahoe Summit marked a defining moment in bipartisan collaboration to protect one of the nation's most iconic and treasured landscapes; and

Whereas, the inaugural Tahoe Summit led to the creation of the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program or EIP to restore Lake Tahoe's water quality and strengthen the region's environment and economy for future generations; and

Whereas, a series of memoranda of understanding documents and Executive Order #13057 memorialized the innovative partnership framework of the Lake Tahoe EIP.

Whereas, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency serves as the convener of the EIP and more than 80 partners collectively known as "Team Tahoe." The diverse partnership includes the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, federal, state, regional, and local governments, non-profits, and the private sector;

Whereas, today the EIP is one of the nation's most successful conservation and restoration programs with more than 900 projects implemented across the areas of watersheds and water quality, aquatic invasive species, forest health, sustainable recreation and transportation, and science, stewardship and accountability;

Whereas, the 30th Annual Lake Tahoe Summit will be held on August 19, 2026, hosted by U.S. Senator Jacky Rosen of Nevada. The Summit will be attended by the Tahoe federal delegation, state and local elected officials, members of Team Tahoe, and the public to celebrate progress in the last 30 years, and commit to solving the challenges of the next 30 years;

Now therefore be it proclaimed, that Lake Tahoe is an irreplaceable natural, cultural, and economic treasure — a jewel of the Sierra whose protection is both a solemn responsibility and a profound privilege;

Be it further proclaimed, that the 30th annual Tahoe Summit is a celebration of all things Lake Tahoe and the power of public-private partnerships that benefit the lake, economy, and community;

Be it further proclaimed, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency reaffirms its enduring commitment to Team Tahoe and to advancing collaborative solutions that protect and restore the Lake Tahoe Region for generations to come.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency this ___ day of _____, 2026, by the following vote:

Ayes:
Nays:
Absent:

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Hayley Williamson, Chair
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Governing Board