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MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

By the Honorable Brian Dahle, 1st Senatorial District;
Relative to commending

CLEAN UP THE LAKE

WHEREAS, The California Association of Nonprofits is celebrating California Nonprofits Day in conjunction with the California State Legislature, and in recognition of its outstanding record of community support, Clean Up the Lake is being honored as the 1st Senatorial District's 2021 Nonprofit of the Year and is deserving of special public recognition; and

WHEREAS, The relationship between a community and nonprofit organization is a vital and interdependent one, deriving strength from the civic involvement and dedication of those who engage with such organizations, the many positive outcomes these organizations make possible, and the spirit of cooperation and

respect they foster within the communities to which they contribute, and Clean Up the Lake is one such stellar nonprofit organization; and

WHEREAS, Nearly two years in the making and guided by a mission to fight back against plastic and all forms of pollution in the environment--both on the land and under the surface, beginning with Lake Tahoe--Clean Up the Lake is endeavoring to send divers over the next several months to remove trash from all 72 miles of the Lake affectionately known as "Big Blue"; and

WHEREAS, Hosting the first-ever human-powered circumnavigation of Lake Tahoe using scuba, or self-contained underwater breathing apparatus, Clean Up the Lake will deploy volunteer divers roughly three times a week who average one mile per day around the Lake at depths of up to 25 feet, with typical dive days involving a group of 10 to 12 people, including volunteers on kayaks, safety monitors, and additional watercraft, with larger cleanup days seeing the group double in size; and

WHEREAS, Born out of data collection, collaboration with environmental scientists, extensive research dives, and outreach in the community that discovered strong pollution issues both within the community and under the surface of the Lake, the 72-

mile Clean Up the Lake project, led by founder and Executive Director Colin West, is being funded by contributions raised by presenting sponsor Tahoe Blue Vodka working in association with the Tahoe Fund, whereby more than 135 businesses and individuals donated to help the cause, in addition to receiving grants from the Nevada Division of State Land's Lake Tahoe License Plate Fund and other local grant-giving foundations, with additional support coming from a myriad of individuals and local businesses in the Tahoe basin; and

WHEREAS, To better facilitate the volunteer process, Clean Up the Lake has partnered with Sierra Diving Center to begin tailoring courses toward the enterprise, and since its launch, it has received an outpouring of interest from hundreds of people offering to volunteer in various capacities, with plans for the trash once removed from the Lake including creating a series of art and refurbishing pairs of old sunglasses for eventual resale back to the public; and

WHEREAS, Clean Up the Lake will use its valuable data to develop crucial educational programs and awareness campaigns to encourage successful stewardship of local waterways and develop further environmental programs and projects moving forward into the future, both in the Tahoe basin and around the

nation; and

WHEREAS, By contributing to the success and well-being of the community in which it serves, Clean Up the Lake has enhanced the quality of life for local residents and instilled a strong sense of pride in the individuals with whom it is associated; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY SENATOR BRIAN DAHLE, That he takes immense pleasure in congratulating Clean Up the Lake on its selection as the 1st Senatorial District's 2021 Nonprofit of the Year, commends its positive contributions to the District, and extends best wishes for the success of its future worthy efforts.

Dated this 23rd day of June, 2021.

Honorable Brian Dahle
1st Senatorial District