RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_

# RESOLUTION OF THE SISKIYOU COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CALLING AN ELECTION TO SUBMIT TO THE VOTERS OF SISKIYOU COUNTY A PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BOARD-APPOINTED COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND ORDERING THAT THE COUNTY ELECTION BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE STATEWIDE ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 5, 2024

**WHEREAS**, the County’s Auditor-Controller is currently an elected position voted into office by the voters of Siskiyou County; and

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code Section 24009(b) states, except for those officers named in subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XI of the California Constitution, any county office that is required to be elective may become an appointive office pursuant to this subdivision. In order to change an office from elective to appointive, a proposal shall be presented to the voters of the county and approved by a majority of the votes cast on the proposition. A proposal shall be submitted to the voters by the county board of supervisors or it may be submitted to the voters pursuant to the qualification of an initiative petition. The position of Auditor-Controller is not named in subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XI of the California Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors wishes to create a Board-appointed Auditor-Controller position that supports an efficient approach to budgeting, accounting, financial forecasting, and fiscal planning while maintaining accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of a Board-appointed Auditor-Controller position will ensure that future candidates possess the same high levels of experience and education as the incumbent Auditor-Controller by allowing the County to expand the number of interested and qualified candidates and promote stability through prompt filling of vacancies by allowing recruitment from within the County and beyond, and allow implementation of performance standards and evaluations to hold the Board-appointed Auditor-Controller accountable; and

**WHEREAS**, the independent financial oversight of the Board-appointed Auditor-Controller position would be ensured by the Board of Supervisors requiring an annual, independent audit of the Department’s internal controls be conducted by a qualified outside auditor; and

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code Section 24009(b) requires the question of whether a Board-appointed Auditor-Controller position shall be established must be submitted to the electors of the County; and if a majority of the voters voting on the question at such an election favor the establishment of a Board-appointed Auditor-Controller position, the Board of Supervisors shall, by ordinance, create the Board-appointed Auditor-Controller position effective beginning on January 4, 2027;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. A County election is hereby called to be held on November 5, 2024, to be held throughout the County to submit to the electors of the County the following question:

“Shall the current voter elected position of County Auditor-Controller become a Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors’ appointed position of Auditor-Controller with an effective date of January 4, 2027?

YES \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

2. The County Clerk is directed to give notice of the County election as required by law.

3. The County election called by this resolution shall be consolidated with the statewide election to be held throughout the County on November 5, 2024, and the election called herein, and the statewide election be held in all respects as if there were only one election.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Siskiyou, State of California, this 21st day of May 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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MICHAEL N. KOBSEFF, Chair

Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

LAURA BYNUM,

COUNTY CLERK

By \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_