**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING, ENDORSING AND ACCEPTING THE TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED TO SISKIYOU COUNTY BY THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COALITION TO SAFEGUARD COMMUNITIES (NCCSC) IN AN EFFORT TO ADDRESS CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ILLEGAL CULTIVATION OF CANNABIS BY DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS

**WHEREAS,** the illegal cultivation, distribution and sales of cannabis by international Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO) is a pervasive problem throughout Siskiyou County and other regions of Northern California; and

**WHEREAS,** DTO-controlled cannabis operations involve violations of both State and Federal law; negatively impact the environment; are catalysts for violence and a conduit for human trafficking; and

**WHEREAS,** these DTO-controlled operations present a serious threat to public safety and are part of an overall enterprise that controls the distribution of cannabis and other narcotics throughout the Country; and

**WHEREAS,** local law enforcement agencies in Northern California do not have the resources to independently address the breadth and depth of criminal activity attendant to DTO-controlled-cannabis operations. And, the evolving legal landscape surrounding the cultivation of cannabis has rendered old enforcement strategies significantly less effective’ And, there is an emerging understanding of the environmental damage caused by these operations, as well as their connection to human trafficking in the form of coerced labor; and

**WHEREAS,** to better address the criminal activity associated with DTO-controlled cannabis operations, law enforcement officials in the counties of Siskiyou, Butte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino and Trinity have joined together in a collaborative effort that will promote the sharing of information, resources and equipment among the constituent counties; and

**WHEREAS,** this collaborative approach among the constituent counties is supported by the NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COALITION TO SAFEGUARD COMMUNITIES (NCCSC), which receives financial and technical support from the CENTER TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING; and

**WHERAS,** because of the support provided by NCCSC, the constituent counties will be provided with and have access to subject matter experts, technical resources, personnel and equipment that will better enable them to:

1) Curtail the illegal cultivation of cannabis by DTOs;

2) Address and mitigate environmental damage cause by these illegal operations; and

3) Identify, investigate and prosecute incidents of human trafficking by employing a victim-centered and trauma-informed response.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes, endorses and accepts the technical and financial support provided to Siskiyou County by the NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COALITION TO SAFEGUARD COMMUNITIES in the ongoing effort to address criminal activities associated with the illegal cultivation of cannabis by Drug Trafficking Organizations.

The forgoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting on **July 9th, 2024** by the following vote:

AYES:

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ABSENT:

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 MICHAEL N. KOBSEFF, CHAIR

 SISKIYOU COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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