

**RESOLUTION DONATING COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS TO
RENO FOOD SYSTEMS IN SUPPORT OF THEIR VISION TO CREATE A
VIBRANT, RESILIENT, AND JUST LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM
CULTIVATED BY AN EMPOWERED COMMUNITY IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$1,000. (GENERAL FUND)**

WHEREAS, the City of Reno may donate funds in accordance with NRS 268.028(01), entitled “Expenditure of public money; grant of public money and donation of certain property to certain nonprofit organizations or governmental entities” when such expenditure provides a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the City; and,

WHEREAS, the Reno City Council recognizes the importance of fostering a vibrant, resilient, and just local food system, which is integral to the well-being of our earth, community, and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Reno Food Systems is a dedicated organization of farmers, mentors, and advocates stewarding lands and sharing food and resources to achieve this vision; and

WHEREAS, the Park Farm program, a key initiative of Reno Food Systems, aims to grow the next generation of conscientious farmers, innovative educators, and sensible leaders through intensive training and mentorship programs; and

WHEREAS, farmer interns in the Park Farm program will gain comprehensive experience in all aspects of the food system, including working with local food cooperatives, chain grocers, large and small distributors, restaurateurs and chefs, state universities, hospitals, local nonprofits and food banks, and public schools; and

WHEREAS, the curriculum of the Park Farm program is centered on applied holistic farming concepts, enabling interns to develop contemporary methods for deploying effective change in their communities; and

WHEREAS, graduates of the Park Farm program will be equipped to initiate their own agri-businesses, advocate for local, state, and federal policies that enhance the food system, and serve as ambassadors of change for the future participation in the food system; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Reno approves the Council donation from Councilmember Jenny Brekhus in the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to Reno Food Systems; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the above donation or any portion thereof not be used for the purpose as set forth in this Resolution, any unused funds shall be returned to the City of Reno.

Upon motion by Councilmember _____, and seconded by Councilmember _____, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted this ____ day of _____, 2024, by the following vote of the Council:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

HILLARY SCHIEVE MAYOR

ATTEST:

MIKKI HUNTSMAN
CITY CLERK