

**TOWN OF TRUCKEE**

**California**

**RESOLUTION 2025-16**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TRUCKEE OPPOSING THE LOCAL SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS THAT WILL RESULT FROM FEDERAL FUNDING CUTS**

**WHEREAS;** the Town of Truckee is a community of 17,000 residents located in rural Nevada County, California.

**WHEREAS;** Recreation on our public lands is the backbone of Truckee's tourism economy, which generates \$244 million in annual visitor spending and approximately 1,600 jobs. Federal staffing cuts on our public lands will lead to fewer maintained trails, campground closures, and a diminished visitor experience. Anticipated impacts including a loss in visitation, reduced economic support of local businesses, increased risk of unsupported camping within forest service lands with no regulation or controls around campfires, heightening risk of wildland fires, increases in illegal parking, wildland degradation, closure of public restroom facilities, and increased trash, litter and human waste pollution;

**WHEREAS;** Uncertainty around United State Forest Service funding cuts, staffing reductions and contract delays provides no opportunity for our region and community to plan ahead to ensure appropriate messaging regarding campsite closures, restroom closures, education regarding campfire safety and lack of available trash disposal facilities;

**WHEREAS;** Truckee is home to Tahoe Forest Hospital, the sole hospital in the surrounding region. Tahoe Forest Hospital provides essential healthcare services to the Truckee community and is the Town's largest employer, with over 1,000 employees; MediCal (Medicaid) funding is an essential source of reimbursement for the hospital's continued operation and success;

**WHEREAS;** Truckee is home to the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District, serving over 4,000 students. The school district qualifies for and participates in Title 1 funding and other federally funded programs, including CalFresh and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);

**WHEREAS;** Truckee is located along Interstate 80, a transcontinental thoroughfare that is essential to interstate transportation, commerce, and evacuation in the event of wildfires or other catastrophic events. Two essential state highways intersect with Interstate 80, provide the only direct access to the North Tahoe region, and experience significant traffic congestion throughout the year. Federal funding for capital improvements, maintenance and transit are crucial to safe operation, reduced traffic congestion, mobility, and emergency access on these highways;

**WHEREAS;** Towns and cities, including the Town of Truckee, rely on a variety of federal funding sources and partnerships with federal agencies. Delays in payment processing and

freezing of federal funding are creating significant uncertainty for our Town operations. Examples of local impacts include the following:

- Potential freezes to transit funds stand to reduce our ability to maintain local bus service, reduce congestion, provide for safe evacuations, and replace fleet vehicles;
- Frozen Energy Efficiency Block Grant funds will delay the development of Truckee's Energy Resiliency Plan, a key component of our emergency response planning;
- FEMA reimbursement delays and potential changes to FEMA staffing and/or fund availability could threaten disaster recovery;
- The pause for contract review is creating uncertainty for many local projects, including Pines to Mines, a local trails initiative connecting western and eastern Nevada County and will serve as a recreational asset to the region, driving tourism and business to our communities;

**WHEREAS;** The availability and affordability of housing is a significant challenge in our region and the Truckee community has prioritized building affordable, quality housing for members of the local workforce, that are the backbone of our tourist-driven economic engine. Tariffs will significantly increase the cost to build critical infrastructure and housing;

**WHEREAS;** Truckee's community-based organizations and social services rely on federal fund sources; federal funding cuts, freezes, and budgetary uncertainty pose potential local impacts to the continuation of critical community services. Examples include:

- Sierra Senior Services' Meals on Wheels program provides home-delivered meals and social connection to 225 Truckee seniors every day;
- Sierra Community House victim support services, which are supported by Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding sources;
- Child Advocates of Nevada County services, which are supported by Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding;
- Local Medicaid health care services. Many Medicaid recipients are working Americans, veterans, seniors in nursing homes, and children. With the majority of non-disabled Medicaid enrollees working, a healthy workforce is essential to a strong economy;
- Potential cutbacks in our hospital's healthcare services, employment, and financial viability;
- Potential loss of school lunches and other services directed at educating our children

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

The Town Council of the Town of Truckee opposes the significant, catastrophic impacts to our community and local economy that will result from federal funding cuts to local programs. We implore our federal representatives to support the restoration of Federal funding that supports the Truckee region.

The foregoing resolution was introduced by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, at a regular meeting of the Truckee Town Council, held on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

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**Jan Zabriskie, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Kelly Carpenter, Town Clerk**