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Being first duly sworn, deposes and says:
That as the legal clerk of the RENO
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Ordinance 1187

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Jan 17, 24, 2003

Signed: *Julia Ketcham*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION
WASHOE COUNTY
ORDINANCE NO. 1187

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
THAT: Bill No. 1365, Ordinance No. 1187 entitled

An Ordinance amending Chapter 45 of the Washoe County Code to incorporate the provisions of Assembly Bill 1 (AB1) of the 17th special session of the Nevada State Legislature in transferring child welfare services, adoption services and foster care licensing from the Department of Human Resources of the State of Nevada to the Department of Social Services, expanding the Director of Social Services duties to include entering into contracts and amending contracts that grant financial assistance to adoptive parents of a special needs child, establishing the Department of Social Services as the child welfare services agency for Washoe County to handle protective services, foster care services, and adoption services in Washoe County, designating the Department of Social Services as the licensing authority for foster care licenses in Washoe County and allowing the Department to investigate applicants and charge reasonable fees in conducting an investigation of a person or business applying for a foster care license, allowing the Department to pay fingerprinting and submission fees on behalf of an applicant for a foster care license, allowing the Board of County Commissioners to develop criteria which the Department must use in establishing fees charged for adoption services and allowing the Board to adopt and amend a schedule of fees to be charged by the Department for services related to the adoption of children, allowing the Department to pay fingerprinting and submission fees on behalf of a prospective adoptive parent adopting a special needs child and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

was adopted on January 14, 2003 by Commissioners Gallo-way, Humke, Sferrazza, Shaw and Weber. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after January 24, 2003.

Typewritten copies of the ordinance are available for inspection by all interested persons at the office of the County Clerk, 75 Court Street, Reno, Nevada.

AMY HARVEY, Washoe County Clerk and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners
No.224 Jan 17, 24, 2003

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SUMMARY: An ordinance amending Chapter 45 of the Washoe County Code to incorporate the provisions of Assembly Bill 1 (AB1) of the 17th Special Session of the Nevada State Legislature in transferring child welfare services, adoption services and foster care licensing from the Department of Human Resources of the State of Nevada to the Department of Social Services

BILL NO. 1365

ORDINANCE NO. 1187

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 45 OF THE WASHOE COUNTY CODE TO INCORPORATE THE PROVISIONS OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1 (AB1) OF THE 17TH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE IN TRANSFERRING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES, ADOPTION SERVICES AND FOSTER CARE LICENSING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES OF THE STATE OF NEVADA TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, EXPANDING THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES DUTIES TO INCLUDE ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS AND AMENDING CONTRACTS THAT GRANT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ADOPTIVE PARENTS OF A SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD, ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AS THE CHILD WELFARE SERVICES AGENCY FOR WASHOE COUNTY TO HANDLE PROTECTIVE SERVICES, FOSTER CARE SERVICES, AND ADOPTION SERVICES IN WASHOE COUNTY, DESIGNATING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AS THE LICENSING AUTHORITY FOR FOSTER CARE LICENSES IN WASHOE COUNTY AND ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE APPLICANTS AND CHARGE REASONABLE FEES IN CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION OF A PERSON OR BUSINESS APPLYING FOR A FOSTER CARE LICENSE, ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT TO PAY FINGERPRINTING AND SUBMISSION FEES ON BEHALF OF AN APPLICANT FOR A FOSTER CARE LICENSE, ALLOWING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO DEVELOP CRITERIA WHICH THE DEPARTMENT MUST USE IN ESTABLISHING FEES CHARGED FOR ADOPTION SERVICES AND ALLOWING THE BOARD TO ADOPT AND AMEND A SCHEDULE OF FEES TO BE CHARGED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN, ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT TO PAY FINGERPRINTING AND SUBMISSION FEES ON BEHALF OF A PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENT ADOPTING A SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WASHOE DO ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. Chapter 45 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended by adding the new provisions as set forth as sections 2 through 4 inclusive of this ordinance.

SECTION 2.45.111 Department designated licensing authority for foster care; investigation and fees.

1. The department is hereby designated as the licensing authority for Washoe County pursuant to NRS 424.016.
2. Any person or business engaged in providing foster care in Washoe County must be licensed by the department pursuant to state law and regulations adopted by the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Human Resources of the State of Nevada.
3. The department as the licensing authority for Washoe County may charge each person investigated pursuant to NRS 424.031 for the reasonable cost of that investigation.
4. Any fees for fingerprinting and submission to the central repository and the federal bureau of investigation may be paid by the department on behalf of an applicant for a foster care license.

SECTION 3.45.112 Fees for adoption services; standards for setting fees.

1. Upon recommendation of the department, the board of county commissioners shall adopt and may amend from time-to-time, a schedule of fees to be charged by the department for placing, arranging the placement of or assisting in placing or arranging the placement of any child for adoption, and for conducting any investigation required by NRS 127.2805.
2. The fees charged for these services must be reasonable and must vary based on criteria developed by the Division of Child and Family Services Department of Human Resources of the State of Nevada and the board of county commissioners. The fees must not exceed the usual and customary fees that child-placing agencies in Washoe County, or in a similar geographic area, would charge for those services.

SECTION 4.45.113 Fingerprinting prospective adoptive parents; department paying fees for special needs children.

1. Pursuant to NRS 127.281, a prospective adoptive parent who is subject to an investigation by the department must submit as part of the investigation a complete set of his/her fingerprints and written permission authorizing the department to forward those fingerprints to the central repository for Nevada records of criminal history for submission to the federal bureau of investigation.
2. Any fees for fingerprinting and submission to the central repository and the federal bureau of investigations may be paid by the department on behalf of an applicant to adopt a special needs child.

SECTION 5. Section 45.040 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

45.040 Director: Appointment; salary; duties.

1. The director shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners.

2. The director shall serve at the pleasure of the board of county commissioners at a salary to be fixed by the board.

3. Under the direct supervision of the board of county commissioners, the director shall discharge all duties and administer all programs as the board of county commissioners may from time to time delegate to or impose upon the director. Such duties and administrative responsibilities shall be restricted to those which, under Nevada laws relative to public welfare, are made the responsibility of the counties and are lawfully delegable by county commissioners to duly appointed or elected county officers, including policy-making authority for the department.

4. Pursuant to NRS 127.186, the director or his designee has the authority to review and approve a grant of financial assistance for attorney's fee in an adoption proceeding, and for maintenance and for a preexisting physical or mental conditions to the adoptive parents of a child with special needs out of money provided for that purpose. The director or his designee is authorized to enter into written contracts for these purposes and amend them as appropriate.

SECTION 6. Section 45.110 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

45.110 Department designated as child welfare services agency.

1. Pursuant to NRS 432B.030 the department is hereby designated as the agency which provides child welfare services in Washoe County.

2. "Child welfare services", includes without limitation:

- (a) Protective services, including without limitation, investigations of abuse or neglect and assessments;
- (b) Foster care services, including, without limitation, maintenance and special services, as defined in NRS 432.010; and
- (c) Services related to adoptions.

[Business Impact Note: The Board of County Commissioners hereby finds that this ordinance does not impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a business, nor does it directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a business.]

Proposed on the 10th day of December, 2002.

Proposed by Commissioner Short

Passed on the 14th day of January, 2003.

Vote:

Ayes: Sferrazza, Galloway, Humke, Shaw and Weber.

Nays: none

Absent: none

David E. Humke
Chairman
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:
Amy Harvey
County Clerk

This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after the
24th day of JANUARY, 2003.