## DETERMINATION PURSUANT TO NRS 228.1111

## AUGUST 15, 2023

WHEREAS, it is alleged that Social Media Platforms have, through manipulative tactics, unfair inducement, and unprecedented technologies, fundamentally harmed, risked, and impacted Nevadans, specifically Nevada's youth;

WHEREAS, numerous states, cities, counties, municipalities, and districts, throughout the United States have commenced litigation against potentially culpable defendants alleging various theories and causes of action including, but not limited to, unlawful and deceptive practices, and such litigation has been commenced with the assistance of contingency fee counsel, in many instances.

WHEREAS, a review of the active litigation by these states, cities, counties, municipalities, and districts, reveals that said litigation will likely entail numerous complex factual and legal issues and will likely require the expenditure of substantial resources; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive and effective litigation of matters related to Social Media Platforms and the harms, risks, and impacts they have caused requires either additional legal resources beyond those now maintained by the Office of the Nevada Attorney General, or the diversion of existing legal resources from current essential assignments, which is untenable.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 228.1111(1)(a), we do hereby determine and declare that entering into a contingent fee contract with outside counsel for litigating matters related to the harms, risks, and impacts of Social Media Platforms, as the Attorney General deems appropriate, is necessary, cost-effective, and in the public interest, for the reasons cited above.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of August, in the year two thousand twenty-three.

Governor Joe Lombardo

Attorney General Aaron D. Ford