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## STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: June 13, 2017

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
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**SUBJECT:** Approve the settlement of the claim of Romeo Smith, and Special Administrator of the Estate of Niko Smith, and N.S., a minor by and through his guardian Jillian Cortez v. Washoe County, et al for a total sum of [\$75,000] for all claims against all defendants. (All Commission Districts)

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### SUMMARY

Seeking the approval of the Board to settle the referenced claim against Washoe County et al, for a total of [\$75,000] for all claims against all defendants. Pursuant to WCC 65.240(5), the Board has sole authority to settle any claim or suit for damages in this amount.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Stewardship of Our Community.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

There has been no previous action by the Board on this matter.

### BACKGROUND

This matter arose from a liability issue.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient budget authority for the settlement of [\$75,000] exists in FY 2016-17 in cost center 195053.

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the settlement of the claim brought by Romeo Smith, and Special Administrator of the Estate of Niko Smith, and N.S., a minor by and

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through his guardian Jillian Cortez against Washoe County et al, for a total sum of \$75,000 for all claims against all defendants.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:

Move to approve the settlement of the claim brought by Romeo Smith, and Special Administrator of the Estate of Niko Smith, and N.S., a minor by and through his guardian Jillian Cortez against Washoe County et al, for a total sum of [\$75,000] for all claims against all defendants.