

Washoe County, Nevada

~PROCLAMATION~

WHEREAS, The Human Services Agency's Children's Services Division remains devoted to the well-being of our children by ensuring they live in a safe, secure and healthy community; and

WHEREAS, In calendar year 2017, 2,025 reports were made to Children's Services Division. The top priority is the safety of children, but Child Protective Services does work diligently to reunify children with their biological parents; and

WHEREAS, The Children's Services Division has a 29% diversion rate from foster care placement by locating and screening relatives and fictive kin and placing children instead with their families; and

WHEREAS, The first of its kind in the region Family Engagement Center opened November 2017 to provide an encouraging and natural home-like environment for parents and their children to visit; and

WHEREAS, April is nationally recognized as Child Abuse and Neglect prevention month. Every April, the Children's Services Division joins in the national effort to raise Awareness. During the first week of April, hundreds of blue pinwheels will be placed by employees at Washoe County buildings. The pinwheels represent the joyful, carefree childhood every child deserves; and

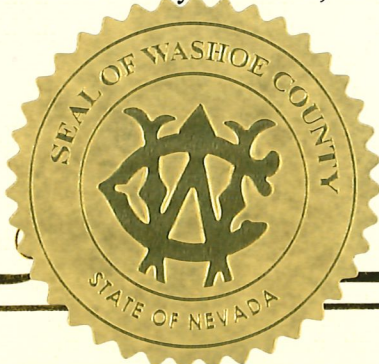
WHEREAS, The public is encouraged to join the national effort by wearing blue clothing or a ribbon during the month of April

NOW, THEREFORE, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 2018 as

~ National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month ~

to raise awareness about child abuse and assist families in need of support.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2018.



Marsha Berkbigler
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Washoe County Commission