

Washoe County, Nevada

~PROCLAMATION~

- WHEREAS,** Behind every emergency response that takes place in Washoe County there is a team of dedicated, professional Communications Specialists who are often the first and most vital link between our citizens and emergency services; and
- WHEREAS,** Washoe County Communications Specialists are the lifeblood of information and for more than 500 public safety personnel 24 hours a day, seven days a week, providing a critical safety service to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, North Lake Tahoe Fire protection District, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Police Department, Pyramid Lake tribal Police, United States Department of Veterans Affairs Police, the Washoe County Department of Alternative Sentencing, and after -hour services for the Washoe County School District Police; and
- WHEREAS,** The 27 Communications Specialists and Five Supervisors who serve at the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center have exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during more than 150,000 calls for service each year, covering an area of approximately 6,700 square miles with over 110,000 residents; and
- WHEREAS,** Every Washoe County Communications Specialist is certified by the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch in Emergency Medical Dispatch, Emergency Police Dispatch and Emergency Fire Dispatch so that they may provide a substantial contribution to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and the treatment of medical patients throughout Washoe County; and
- WHEREAS,** In honor of our County's less visible, but vitally important first responders: the dedicated and professional Communications Specialists who are always ready to serve the interest of public safety no matter how difficult or stressful the circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 8, 2018 through April 14, 2018 be observed, as

~ National Public Safety Telecommunications Week ~

Dated this 20th day of March, 2018.

Marsha Berkgigler, Chair
Washoe County Commission