

Washoe County, Nevada

~PROCLAMATION~

WHEREAS, Washoe County joins with local law enforcement, local and state victims' advocacy group, assistance organizations and the Office for Victims of Crime in the U.S. Department of Justice, to call for support for victims; and

WHEREAS, More than 95,000 instances of violent crimes or property crimes were reported by law enforcement in a recent year, per the Nevada Uniform Crime Report of 2016; and

WHEREAS, In Nevada a violent crime occurred every 26 minutes, 32 seconds, a property crime occurred every 4 minutes, 38 seconds during a recent year according to the UCR of 2016; and

WHEREAS, Crime Victim's Rights Week serves to recognize the needs of crime victims and the importance of securing their voice and rights; and

WHEREAS, this sentiment is embodied in this year's national theme, "Expand the Circle, Reach All Victims;" and

WHEREAS, We believe victims of crime should always be treated with fairness and respect throughout the criminal justice process, protected from the defendant, reasonably head at public proceedings regarding their case, and given a voice through the process of their case; and

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

~National Crime Victims' Rights Week ~

and join representatives from local law enforcement, advocacy and assistance agencies statewide, to provide assistance and a stronger voice for Nevadans who have been a victim of crime.

ADOPTED this 10th day of April, 2018.

Marsha Berkbigler, Chair
Washoe County Commission