

# Washoe County, Nevada

## ~PROCLAMATION~

**WHEREAS**, Today's libraries are not just about books but also what they do for and with people, and libraries of all types are at the heart of cities, towns, schools and campuses; and libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week; and

**WHEREAS**, Libraries and librarians build strong communities through transformative services, programs and expertise; and libraries, which promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all, are the cornerstones of democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, Libraries and librarians look beyond their traditional roles and provide transformative opportunities for education, employment, entrepreneurship, empowerment and engagement, as well as new services that connect closely with patrons' needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Libraries promote civic engagement by keeping people informed and aware of community events and issues; and librarians and library workers partner with other civic organizations to make sure their community's needs are being met; and

**WHEREAS**, Libraries and librarians empower their communities to make informed decisions by providing free access to information; and

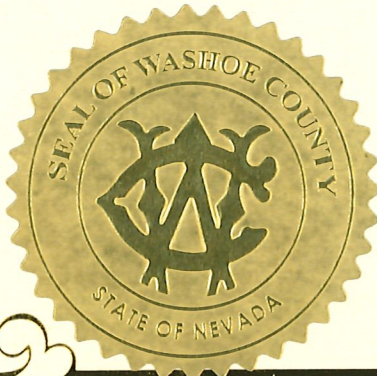
**WHEREAS**, Libraries are a resource for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status, by offering services and educational resources that transform lives and strengthen communities;

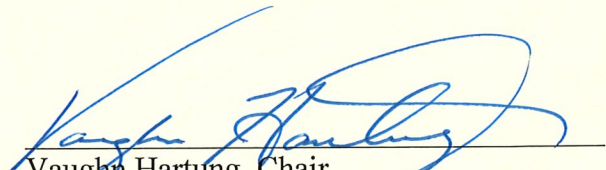
**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim, April 7-13, 2019 as

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and encourages all residents to visit a library this week and explore what's new at your library, and engage with your librarian. Because of you and our library leaders, libraries transform.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2019.



  
Vaughn Hartung, Chair  
Washoe County Commission