

# Washoe County, Nevada

## ~PROCLAMATION~

**WHEREAS**, Today's libraries are less about what they have on the shelves and more about what they can do with and for their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions where people of all ages, interests and backgrounds can come together and learn alongside one another; and libraries and librarians work to create an equitable society by providing free access to accurate information to all people; and

**WHEREAS**, Libraries of all types are at the heart of their cities, towns, schools and campuses; and libraries offer members of the community a welcoming space and opportunities to explore new passions through technology, programs and services; and

**WHEREAS**, Libraries and librarians help patrons find tools to help improve the quality of their life; and libraries, which promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all, are the cornerstones of democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, Libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve; 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, and offer services and educational programming that transform lives and strengthen communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim, April 19-25, 2020 as

### ~ National Library Week ~

and encourage all residents to visit the library, a place where we can all belong and discover who we are. Because of you, Libraries Transform.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2020.

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Bob Lucey, Chair  
Washoe County Commission