

Washoe County, Nevada

~PROCLAMATION~

- WHEREAS,** Over the past several years, our country has seen an increase in mental health conditions, including depression and suicide, creating an unprecedented mental health crisis across our country; and
- WHEREAS,** Mental health challenges among our youth have been particularly acute due to the COVID-19 pandemic and disruptions in routines, increased social isolation, and learning loss; and
- WHEREAS,** Each May we raise awareness about the importance of mental health and its impact on the well-being of the citizens of Washoe County, including children, adults, families, and communities across the county; and
- WHEREAS,** The sad statistics are compounded by a stigma that persists around mental health conditions, often preventing those who are suffering from seeking help; and
- WHEREAS,** At Washoe County, we are doing our part to overcome this stigma so our employees and their family members can access the help they need; and
- WHEREAS** We give thanks to the dedicated mental health providers whose service and support improve the lives of so many Americans, standing in solidarity with those who are experiencing mental health conditions, renewing our commitment to providing them with the support they need and deserve;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 2022 as

~ **National Mental Health Awareness Month** ~

Dated this 17th day of May 2022.

Vaughn Hartung, Chair
Washoe County Commission