

# Washoe County, Nevada

## ~PROCLAMATION~

**WHEREAS,** The Human Services Agency's Children's Services Division remains devoted to the well-being of our children by ensuring they live in a safe, secure and healthy community; and

**WHEREAS,** In fiscal year 2018, 6,943 report were made to the Human Services Agency. The top priority is the safety of children and the Agency works diligently to Reunify children with their biological parents and preserve the family; and

**WHEREAS,** The Human Services Agency has a 35% diversion rate from foster care placement by locating and screening relatives and fictive kin and placing children instead with their families rather than foster care placements; and

**WHEREAS,** April is nationally recognized as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month. Every April, the Children's Services Division joins in the national effort to raise awareness during the first week of April by placing thousands of blue pinwheels at Washoe County buildings. The pinwheels represent the joyful, carefree childhood every child deserves; and

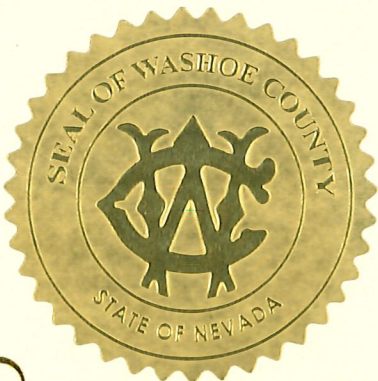
**WHEREAS,** The public is encouraged to join the national effort by wearing blue clothing or a ribbon during the month of April; and

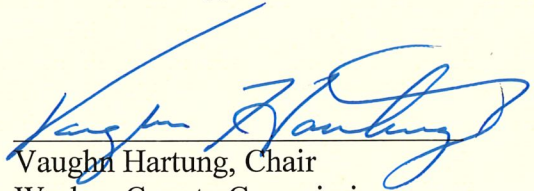
**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 2019 as

### ~ National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month ~

to raise awareness about child abuse and assist families in need of support.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.



  
Vaughn Hartung, Chair  
Washoe County Commission