

# Washoe County, Nevada

## ~PROCLAMATION~

- WHEREAS,** Behind every emergency response that takes place in Washoe County there is a team of dedicated, professional Communications Specialist who are now only recently known as the “first” first responder, and your most vital link between our emergency services and citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** Washoe County Communications Specialists are the lifeblood of information for more than 500 public safety personnel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, providing a critical safety service to the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, Pyramid Lake Fire, Pyramid Lake Police Department, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Police Department, Washoe County Alternative Sentencing, United States Department of Veterans Affairs Police, and after-hours Washoe County School District Police; and
- WHEREAS,** The twenty-nine (29) Communications Specialists and five (5) Communications Supervisors who serve at the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office Communications Center have exhibited compassion, understanding, and professionalism during more than 150,000 calls for service each year, covering an area of approximately 6,700 square miles with over 112,000 residents; and
- WHEREAS,** Every Washoe County Communications Specialist and Supervisor is certified by the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch in three disciplines of; Emergency Medical Dispatch, Emergency Police Dispatch, and Emergency Fire Dispatch so that they may provide a substantial contribution to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and the treatment of medical patients throughout Washoe County; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** The Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 12, 2020 through April 18, 2020 be observed, as

### ~ National Public Safety Telecommunications Week ~

in honor of our County’s less visible, but vitally important first responders: the dedicated and professional Communications Specialists and Communications Supervisors who are always ready to serve the interest of public safety no matter how difficult or stressful the circumstances.

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

---

Bob Lucey, Chair  
Washoe County Commission