

# Washoe County, Nevada

## ~PROCLAMATION~

**WHEREAS,** The citizens of Washoe County have a great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces, paying the high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

**WHEREAS,** The contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use and was created as the Badge of Military merit by General George Washington on August 7, 1782; and

**WHEREAS,** The Purple Heart Medal is specifically a combat decoration awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who are wounded by an instrument in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the family in the name of those who are killed in action, died of wounds received in action or died as prisoners of war (POW) while in captivity; and

**WHEREAS,** The Military Order of the Purple Heart is the only Congressionally Chartered Veterans Service organization comprised strictly of combat wounded veterans; and

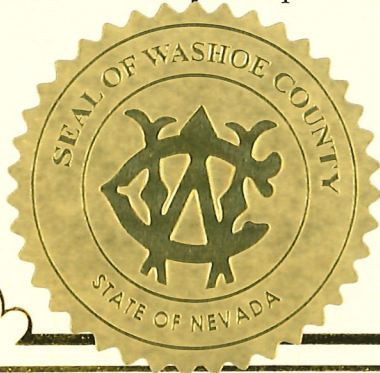
**WHEREAS,** Washoe County has residents who have made the ultimate sacrifice in armed combat since 1861 and residents who have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in combat; and

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

### ~A Purple Heart County ~

and honor the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.

**ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.



*Marsha Berkbigler*  
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Washoe County Commission