

# Board of County Commissioners

## PROCLAMATION



**Whereas,** National Homeless Youth Awareness Month was first declared in 2007 and designated by the U.S. Senate in 2021, recognizing the urgent need to address the challenges faced by the 2.5 million youth experiencing homelessness each year across the United States; and

**Whereas,** the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) reported that on a single night in 2023, over 34,700 unaccompanied youth under the age of 25 experienced homelessness, reflecting a 15% increase from the previous year; and

**Whereas,** youth experiencing homelessness in Nevada face numerous dangers, including increased risks of physical and sexual assault, mental health challenges, and vulnerability to trafficking; and

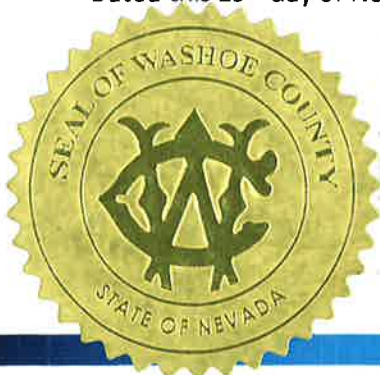
**Whereas,** Washoe County is committed to addressing homelessness through comprehensive initiatives that provide outreach, services, and resources for youth and families facing housing insecurity; and

**Whereas,** Eddy House, Northern Nevada's only nonprofit dedicated to ending youth homelessness, served 511 youths in 2023, providing vital bed nights and counseling sessions to foster sustainable independence;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim November, 2024 as:

## National Homeless Youth Awareness Month 2024

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.



Alexis Hill, Chair  
Washoe County Commission

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