

PROCLAMATION



- Whereas,** in the most unexpected moments, tragedy can strike, placing lives at risk before trained emergency personnel arrive, and in those critical first minutes, it is often everyday people, neighbors, coworkers, and strangers who step forward with courage to protect, shield, and save others; and
- Whereas,** on the morning of the tragic shooting, team members of Grand Sierra Resort acted without hesitation, putting themselves in harm's way to protect guests, provide medical care, and guide first responders; and
- Whereas,** Security Officers Brandon Samaniego and Staisman Sadang demonstrated bravery in the direct line of fire to move victims to safety and enable swift law enforcement response; and
- Whereas,** EMTs Brian Vargus and Kyle Quackenbush immediately rendered life-saving aid, coordinating with REMSA and the Fire Department, while staff members Billy Cooper, Kade Macedo, and Benito Puentes-Rangel shielded guests, contacted emergency services, and directed responders to the shooter; and
- Whereas,** these selfless acts are born not of obligation but of compassion and courage, reflecting an instinctive commitment to preserve human life even at personal risk, providing comfort in fear, restoring faith in our shared humanity, and leaving a lasting example of service, sacrifice, and community spirit.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 21 as:

Heroes Among Us Day

Dated this 21st day of October 2025.

Alexis Hill, Chair
Washoe County Commission