

Board of County Commissioners

PROCLAMATION



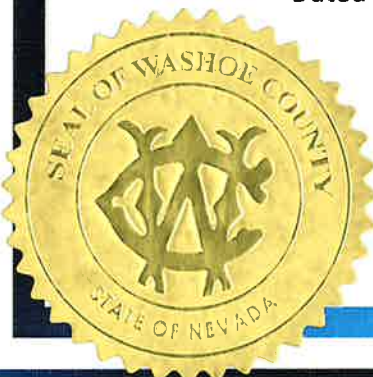
- Whereas,** Frontotemporal degeneration (FTD) is the most common form of brain disorders for people under 60, including actor Bruce Willis and TV/Radio personality Wendy Williams; and
- Whereas,** FTD represents a group of brain diseases caused by degeneration of the frontal and/or temporal lobes of the brain, is frequently misdiagnosed as Alzheimer's, depression, Parkinson's disease, or a psychiatric condition, and currently takes an average of 3.6 years to receive an accurate diagnosis; and
- Whereas,** FTD differs from Alzheimer's – FTD symptoms include uncharacteristic personality changes, apathy, unexplained and impulsive choices, struggles with decision making and motor skills, incontinence, and more; and
- Whereas,** FTD can slowly change good-hearted, intelligent, and hardworking people, causing them to become paranoid, anxious, mean, or inappropriate, while silently altering their reputation and creating a stigma that strains family relationships and friendships; and
- Whereas,** FTD has no treatment or cure, affects an estimated 60,000 people in the United States, and remains unfamiliar to many in the medical community; and
- Whereas,** the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration's Northern Nevada Chapter is working to bring people together who are impacted by this tragic disease with local meet and greets and support groups.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of September 21-28 as:

World FTD Awareness Week

Dated this 9th day of September 2025.

Alexis Hill, Chair
Washoe County Commission



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