

PROCLAMATION



- Whereas,** cancer is the second leading cause of death in Nevada; and
- Whereas,** experts agree there are many ways to help prevent cancer including reducing tobacco use, eating healthily, getting regular physical activity and exercise, limiting alcohol consumption and reducing exposure to the sun when it is at its peak; and
- Whereas,** life-saving screenings for breast, colorectal, cervical, skin and lung cancers can help people to find cancers earlier when they are easier to treat and are available throughout the Truckee Meadows including at community health clinics; and
- Whereas,** more than 200 children in Nevada are diagnosed with cancer each year, the causes of which are largely unknown; and
- Whereas,** expanding access to health coverage and health care and providing support to residents to help them take steps to prevent cancer, access vital cancer screenings and treatment, and improve supports for quality of life during and after treatment is vital to reducing the burden of cancer in Washoe County; and
- Whereas,** The Nevada Cancer Coalition and its many community members and partners are committed to reducing the burden of cancer in Washoe County and across Nevada to create healthier communities for all Nevadans; and
- Whereas,** Washoe County residents can take actions to help reduce the burden of cancer, such as driving a neighbor to treatment, exercising with others in community parks and open spaces, wearing sunscreen regularly, getting cancer preventive vaccines, and quitting smoking;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim February 4 as World Cancer Day in Washoe County and encourage all citizens to join activities that will increase awareness of what they can do to prevent, detect, treat and control cancer and improve quality of life.

World Cancer Day

Dated this 17th day of January, 2023.

Vaughn Hartung, Board Chair
Washoe County Commission