

Board of County Commissioners PROCLAMATION



Whereas, death is a tragic, though unavoidable part of life; and

Whereas, approximately 5,700 people die in Washoe County each year; and

Whereas, the employees of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office are first responders and have a legal obligation to investigate these deaths to determine the cause and manner of death in a scientific and unbiased manner; and

Whereas, the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office provides services to many partner federal, state, and local organizations such as sheriff-coroners, other law enforcement, district attorneys, public defenders and defense attorneys, courts of law, public health agencies, social services agencies, and the citizens of Washoe County; and

Whereas, these dedicated and hard-working employees provide professional, compassionate service and counsel to the surviving family and friends during what is often the worst day of their lives; and

Whereas, these employees take on a heavy mental and emotional burden and can suffer from vicarious trauma; and

Whereas, the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office provides forensic autopsy and death investigation services for the region at the highest quality standards, serving as a regional center of excellence in death investigation;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of January 21 - 27, 2024, as

National Coroner/Medicolegal Death Investigation Professionals Recognition Week

Dated this 16th day of January 2024.

Alexis Hill, Board Chair
Washoe County Commission

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