PROCLAMATION

Whereas, forensic science service providers play a critical role in criminal investigations by delivering objective, science-based information that supports justice and public safety throughout Washoe County; and

Whereas, these professionals serve as an essential component of the criminal justice system, providing accurate and timely scientific analyses to law enforcement agencies, attorneys, and the courts; and

Whereas, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division is composed of 50 dedicated scientists, support staff, and volunteers, who specialize in a wide range of disciplines including DNA analysis, breath alcohol testing, controlled substances, crime scene response, firearms examination, latent print processing and comparison, and toxicology and serving 13 of Nevada's 17 counties; and

Whereas, the week of September 20–26, 2026, marks the 14th annual National Forensic Science Week, a nationwide observance that highlights the invaluable contributions of forensic scientists and the laboratories in which they work; and

Whereas, this week offers an opportunity to raise awareness about the critical work of forensic science providers, recognize their achievements, and advocate for continued resources and support to strengthen forensic services across our communities; and

Whereas, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners encourages all residents to learn more about forensic science and its vital role in enhancing the safety, fairness, and effectiveness of our justice system.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of September 20- 26, 2026 as:

National Forensic Science Week

Dated this 15th day of September 2026.

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Clara Andriola, Chair
Washoe County Commission