



WHEREAS, On the 17th Anniversary of the tragic events of 9/11, "National Preparedness Month" creates an important opportunity for every resident of Washoe County to prepare their homes, businesses and communities for any type of emergency from natural to manmade disasters; and

WHEREAS, History has shown us that government cannot act alone when it comes to preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disasters. Our regional emergency management team consists of state and local governments, non-profit and volunteer organizations, the private sector, and most importantly: the public; and

WHEREAS, Investing in the preparedness of ourselves, our families, businesses and communities can reduce fatalities and economic devastation in our communities and in our nation; and

WHEREAS, Emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every citizen of Washoe County and all citizens are urged to make preparedness a priority and work together to ensure that individuals, families and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of any type; and

WHEREAS, Using modern-day technology can help individuals and families prepare, adapt and recover from disruptions brought on by emergencies or disasters. Citizens are encouraged to visit <a href="www.ReadyWashoe.com">www.ReadyWashoe.com</a> for preparedness information to include the three simple steps to emergency preparedness:

1. Make a Plan, including a communication plan.

2. Assemble a Kit with enough supplies for a minimum of 3 days.

3. Stay informed about the types of emergencies and related actions that can occur in your local community;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim September 2018 is

~National Preparedness Month ~

and all citizens and businesses are encouraged to work together toward creating a more prepared and ready region.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

Marsha Berkbigler, Chair Washoe County Commission