Washoe County, Nevada

~PROCLAMATION~

- WHEREAS, Law Day is a "day of national dedication to the principles of government under law," as stated by President Dwight Eisenhower, who established the first nationwide commemoration in 1958; and
- WHEREAS, The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government to redress of grievances"; and
- WHEREAS, The Fourteenth Amendment incorporates the rights established in the First Amendment to apply to state governments; and
- WHEREAS, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights states: "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression: this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers;" and
- WHEREAS, The 2019 Law Day theme enables us to reflect on the way that freedom of speech and freedom of the press provide the foundation for our free society;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 1, 2019 as

~ Law Day ~

And urges all residents to use this occasion to preserve and strengthen the rule of law.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2019.

Vaughn Hartung, Chair Washoe County Commission