

# Washoe County, Nevada

## ~PROCLAMATION~

**WHEREAS,** The Veterans Guest House celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on December 14, 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** The Veterans Guest House opened their doors to serve its first guest on December 14, 1994, with the mission of providing temporary lodging for veterans and their families while they are in Washoe County for medical care; and

**WHEREAS,** The House is located in the heart of Washoe County and is a home away from home for our veterans and their family members, serving veterans and families no matter their ability to pay; and

**WHEREAS,** The Guest House is a one of a kind facility in the country, existing almost exclusively on the support and generosity of the local Reno-Sparks community and receiving no government funding. Hundreds of local volunteers help with the operations and fundraising of the Guest House; and

**WHEREAS,** The idea for the House came from a group of local citizens and veterans who found people sleeping in their cars in the VA Medical Center parking lot, which meant veterans and their families could not afford accommodations while getting care at the medical center. The founders vowed on that day, "Never again on our watch;" and

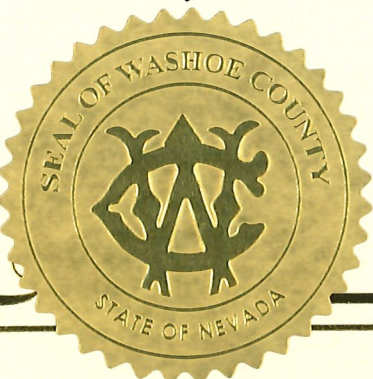
**WHEREAS,** Nearly 80,000 nights of lodging have been provided to veterans and families over the years. The House has grown with the need: from 4 beds in 1994 to 33 beds today; and

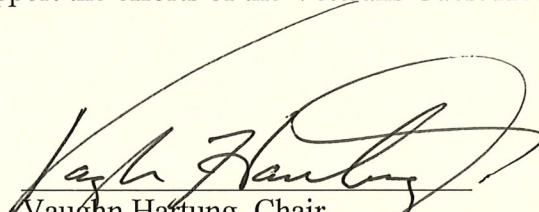
**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim December 14, 2019 as

### ~ Veterans Guest House Day ~

and encourages all citizens of Washoe County to support the efforts of the Veterans Guest House to help our veterans through difficult times.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.



  
Vaughn Haftung, Chair  
Washoe County Commission