

Washoe County, Nevada

~PROCLAMATION~

WHEREAS, Hunger and poverty are serious issues in the United States, the State of Nevada, and Washoe County; and

WHEREAS, Food insecurity and lack of access to healthy foods contribute to the development of various nutrition-related illnesses, and children facing hunger are more likely to experience developmental delay, need to repeat school years, and even experience more social and behavioral problems;

WHEREAS, In 2020 the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, with the help of our partner agencies, distributed more than 7.4 million pounds of food to assist more than 700,000 individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, The child food insecurity rate in Washoe County reached 14.4% in 2020, and;

WHEREAS, Increased healthy food access and security in Washoe County enables residents of all ages, ethnicities, and cultures to lead happier, more productive, and more active lives, helps children to develop to their fullest potential, supports a thriving local economy;

WHEREAS, The Washoe County Commission desires to build towards a future where no child need go hungry, and where all Americans have access to healthy, affordable, fresh, locally made and sustainably produced food;

WHEREAS, The Washoe County Commission enjoys a collaborative partnership with the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, which is focused on expanding access to healthy foods for residents of all ages, abilities, cultural and economic backgrounds;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim, September as

~National Hunger Action Month~

and commits to continue to work with the Food Bank of Northern Nevada to make policy and systems changes that will improve food access more equitably throughout the neighborhoods we serve, prevent hunger, and promote the wellbeing of all residents of Washoe County.

Dated this 21st day of September 2021.

Bob Lucey, Chair
Washoe County Commission