

Proclamation

WHEREAS, “National Preparedness Month” creates an important opportunity for every resident of Washoe County to learn more about ways to prepare for all types of hazards and emergencies, including public health threats, potential terrorist attacks, and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, it may be challenging to talk about bad things that can happen like a disaster or emergency. This year’s National Preparedness Month theme from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is, “**Start a Conversation**,” asking all citizens to **Be Ready** and reminding them, **that preparing for emergencies and disasters can keep them, their families, and their communities safe**.

WHEREAS, experience tells us that investing in the preparedness of ourselves, our families, businesses, and communities can improve the response to and recovery from a disaster or other emergency, thereby reducing the physical, emotional, and financial impact of that disaster or emergency in our communities and in our nation; and

WHEREAS, Northern Nevada Public Health in coordination with the Washoe County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program as well as, throughout the various divisions, and other state, local, private, and volunteer agencies are working together to increase public awareness in preparing for public health emergencies and to educate individuals on how to take responsibility for preparedness; and

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every citizen of Washoe County, and everyone is urged to make preparedness a priority, starting a conversation with loved-ones, working together to ensure that individuals, families, and communities are prepared for any type of emergency; and

WHEREAS, all citizens are encouraged to participate in citizen preparedness activities and to visit the website www.ReadyWashoe.com to learn more about emergency preparedness, which includes these simple steps:

- *Make a Plan – know who to call, where to meet*
- *Assemble a Kit – know what to pack and have enough supplies for at least 3 days*
- *Stay Informed – know about our area’s top disasters and related response actions*

PROCLAIMED, by the Washoe County District Board of Health that September 2024 is National Preparedness Month and encourages all citizens and businesses to develop their own emergency preparedness plan and work together toward creating a more prepared community.

ADOPTED this 26th day of September 2024.

Kristopher Dahir, Chairman
District Board of Health