

# Board of County Commissioners

## PROCLAMATION




- Whereas,** forensic science service providers play a critical role in criminal investigations by delivering objective, science-based information that supports justice and public safety throughout Washoe County, serving as an essential component of the criminal justice system by providing accurate and timely scientific analyses to law enforcement agencies, attorneys, and the courts; and
- Whereas,** the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division is composed of 50 dedicated scientists, support staff, and volunteers, who specialize in a wide range of disciplines including DNA analysis, breath alcohol testing, controlled substances, crime scene response, firearms examination, latent print processing and comparison, and toxicology and serving 13 of Nevada's 17 counties; and
- Whereas,** the week of September 14–20, 2025, marks the 13th annual National Forensic Science Week, a nationwide observance that highlights the invaluable contributions of forensic scientists and their laboratories, while raising awareness of their critical work, recognizing their achievements, and advocating for continued resources and support to strengthen forensic services across our communities; and
- Whereas,** the Washoe County Board of Commissioners encourages all residents to learn more about forensic science and its vital role in enhancing the safety, fairness, and effectiveness of our justice system.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of September 14-20, 2025, as:

### National Forensic Science Week

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

  
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Alexis Hill, Chair  
Washoe County Commission



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