

Washoe County, Nevada

~PROCLAMATION~

WHEREAS, An estimated 8.3 billion metric tons of plastic has been produced since the 1950's; and

WHEREAS, Globally, currently over 400 million metric tons of plastic are produced every year, with that number expected to double in the next 10-15 years; and

WHEREAS, Less than 9% of plastic is recycled, according to the EPA; and

WHEREAS, Approximately half of the plastic produced is packaging that is discarded after one use; and

WHEREAS, Plastic does not degrade entirely, but breaks down into smaller plastic particles (microplastics). Microplastics have been detected in Lake Tahoe, the Truckee River, and at high levels in Truckee Meadows tap water.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim, July 2021 as

~ Plastic Free July ~

and encourages every resident of Washoe County and the Truckee Meadows to become aware of, and reduce, his/her plastic consumption.

Dated this 15th day of June 2021.

Bob Lucey, Chair
Washoe County Commission