

Washoe County, Nevada

~PROCLAMATION~

WHEREAS, “We the People” is a rigorous course of study where students learn the knowledge, skills, and dispositions that are essential to becoming an effective citizen; and

WHEREAS, Students compete in mock congressional hearings and testify before judging panels that include scholars, educators, judges and justices, state lawmakers, attorneys, and state and local officials; and

WHEREAS, The class demands close teamwork, perseverance, trust, and integrity, as students play important roles in the presentations and must rely on their classmates to do their parts; and

WHEREAS, Two classes of students from schools in the Washoe County School District (WCSD) have placed among the top 12 teams in the nation in the “We the People” civics competition; and

WHEREAS, The class from Reno High School placed third in the country, and the class from Incline High School placed eighth; and

WHEREAS, Richard Clark teaches social studies at Reno High School and coaches the school’s “We the People” team and Milton Hyams, who teaches U.S. Government and coaches Incline High School’s team; and

WHEREAS, This is the first time in WCSD history that two teams have placed in the top 12 of the prestigious annual competition where students testify before panels of judges to present and debate their positions on questions surrounding the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Both instructors noted that their students found new ways to celebrate and encourage each other, even when they couldn’t gather in person during the pandemic due to COVID health and safety protocols in schools. Both also mentioned the challenges of teaching current events during a tumultuous time in American history.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim, April 26, 2021 as

~“We the People” Day in Washoe County ~

Dated this 18th day of May 2021.

Bob Lucey, Chair
Washoe County Commission