

Washoe County, Nevada

~PROCLAMATION~

WHEREAS, The Human Services Agency's Children's Services Division remains devoted to the well-being of our children by ensuring they live in a safe, secure, and healthy community; and

WHEREAS, In fiscal year 2020, 6,074 reports of child abuse and/or neglect were made to the Human Services Agency. The Agency's top priority is the protection of children. HSA works diligently to preserve family strengths, by providing biological parents with assistance needed to promote nurturing homes, keeping their children safe, and preserving the family unit; and

WHEREAS, In fiscal year 2020, the Human Services Agency reunited 236 children with their families. Multifaceted, intensive, family-centered support and services were implemented to help build on family engagement and connections, ensuring children return home to a safe and stable environment; and

WHEREAS, April is nationally recognized as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month. Every April, HSA joins in the national effort to raise awareness during the first week of April by placing hundreds of blue pinwheels outside several Washoe County buildings. The pinwheels represent the joyful, carefree childhood every child deserves; and

WHEREAS, The public is encouraged to join the national effort by wearing blue clothing or a ribbon during the month of April.

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

~ National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month ~

to raise awareness about child abuse and assist families in need of support.

Dated this 20th day of April, 2021.

Bob Lucey, Chair
Washoe County Commission