

Washoe County, Nevada

~PROCLAMATION~

WHEREAS, It is the policy and pleasure of the Washoe County Board of Commissioners to recognize and honor those organizations that seek to protect and enhance the quality of life for the less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), sometimes called Lou Gehrig's disease, is a rapidly progressive, invariably fatal neurological disease that attacks the nerve cells (neurons) responsible for controlling voluntary muscles. It does not affect the person's ability to see, smell, taste, hear, or recognize touch; and

WHEREAS, As many as 20,000 people in the United States have ALS, and an estimated 6,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with the disease each year. Approximately 250 persons living in Nevada are currently diagnosed with ALS; and

WHEREAS, Every 90 minutes someone in the United States is diagnosed and passes away from ALS; and

WHEREAS, Military veterans are twice as likely to develop ALS as those that haven't served in the military; and

WHEREAS, In the advanced stages, ALS care can cost up to \$200,000 per year, depleting the financial resources of patients and their relatives; and

WHEREAS, The suffering of patients, and the anguish of their caregivers must be supported and alleviated

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

~ALS Awareness Month~

and urges all citizens within Washoe County to join us in honoring and supporting the ALS Association Nevada Chapter, a worthwhile and dedicated organization.

Dated this 20th day of April 2021.

Bob Lucey, Chair
Washoe County Commission