

# Washoe County, Nevada

## ~PROCLAMATION~

**WHEREAS,** The Rule of Law is a fundamental concept upholding justice, freedom, and representative government; and

**WHEREAS,** The Rule of Law has been a guiding ideal of constitutional government that can be traced through history from various systems of law, through the Magna Carta and the United States Constitution; and

**WHEREAS,** The United States was founded on the principle that voluntary adherence to the rule of law expands, rather than limits, the opportunities for freedom; and

**WHEREAS,** The Rule of Law rests upon the idea that no person is so important as to be above the law and conversely no person is so insignificant to be beneath the law; and

**WHEREAS,** The principle that no person is above the law means that there must be limits on government and that government officials must be held accountable for their actions; and

**WHEREAS,** The separation of powers among branches of the government are essential to preserving the rule of law; and

**WHEREAS,** An independent judiciary is essential to a free society and administration of laws; and

**WHEREAS,** A viable democracy requires understanding of the nature and basis of our freedoms and recognition of the individual responsibilities which those freedoms impose; and

**WHEREAS,** The Rule of Law requires an educated citizenry that understands law and demonstrates engaged citizenship; and

**WHEREAS,** The theme for Law Day 2021 is Advancing the Rule of Law Now, encouraging all of us to fulfill our responsibilities to protect our communities and our democracy.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim, May 1, 2021 as

## ~ Law Day ~

We urge everyone to observe this day by deepening their understanding of the Rule of Law and dedicating themselves to Advancing the Rule of Law Now to strengthen our democracy, defend liberty, and pursue justice.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

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Bob Lucey, Chair  
Washoe County Commission