PROCLAMATION

Volunteer Week- "Celebrate Service"

WHEREAS, We are fortunate to live in a community where residents, organizations and businesses are helping to make a difference by enthusiastically engaging in volunteer opportunities offered by Washoe County; and

WHEREAS, Volunteers bring a wealth of skills, knowledge and experience that allows Washoe County to continue to provide services such as libraries, senior services, child protection services, law enforcement, parks and trails; and

WHEREAS, Every hour provided by volunteers helps cut down on the amount of staff time needed to perform essential services, saving taxpayer dollars and increasing services offered by the County; and

WHEREAS, In the challenging times, these volunteers play a vital role in helping Washoe County government provide services that protect the public, provide sustenance to the underprivileged and preserve our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Washoe County had 7,506 volunteers perform over 67,550 reported hours of volunteer service in 2014. This represents an estimated dollar value of over \$1,286,843 and included 2061 first-time volunteers; now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, By the Washoe County Board of Commissioners that April 19-25, 2015 is Volunteer Week in Washoe County, a time for us to express our appreciation to the thousands of volunteers who have supported Washoe County and renew our call for citizens to commit to volunteer efforts that put their expertise and interests to work for the benefit of our community.

ADOPTED this 21st day of April, 2015.

Marsha Berkbigler, Chair Washoe County Commission

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