

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) professionals stand at the front lines of our public safety and public health systems; and

**WHEREAS**, The members of EMS teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and

**WHEREAS**, Access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

**WHEREAS**, EMS men and women serve in both the public and private sectors -- from the first responders, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics who arrive at the scene to 911 dispatchers, firefighters, law enforcement officers, and professionals throughout our health care system who work together to ensure those in need receive the highest level of emergency service; and

**WHEREAS**, Whether career or volunteer, EMS team members engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

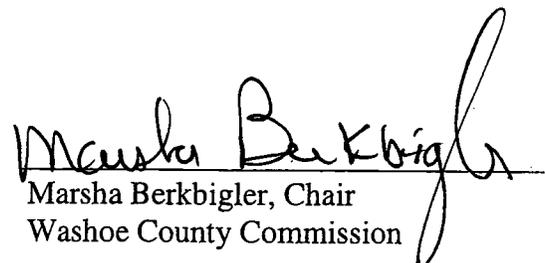
**WHEREAS**, When Washoe County citizens find themselves in times of crisis- from car accidents to national tragedies- our robust network of EMS professionals ensures that quality medical care is only moments away; and

**WHEREAS**, During Emergency Medical Services Week, we pause to offer our gratitude to these remarkable men and women whose dedication is fundamental to our community's well-being; now, therefore be it

**PROCLAIMED**, By the Washoe County Board of Commissioners that May 17-23, 2015 is Emergency Medical Services Week and encourages all Washoe County citizens to observe this occasion by sharing their support with our local EMS providers and taking steps to improve their personal safety and preparedness.

**ADOPTED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.



  
Marsha Berkgigler, Chair  
Washoe County Commission

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