

## RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

### Bill Carlos

**WHEREAS**, Bill Carlos served the citizens of Washoe County and the Community Services Department, Regional Parks and Open Space for 16+ years with great passion and grace; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill took great pride in his 16+ years as the Horticulturist at the Wilbur D. May Arboretum and Botanical Garden, creating a sanctuary of peace and tranquility for the community at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill shared his knowledge and enthusiasm of arboriculture and botany by educating thousands of residents through creative community programs about our region; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill was instrumental in the current status of the Level II accreditation which has provided the Arboretum a platform to be on the forefront of education, research, and conservation for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill embraced the volunteer program, creating a program to train, work alongside, and regularly acknowledge their efforts and to date since 2006, volunteers have provided \$1.5 million dollars in service value to the Arboretum; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill was contributory in the creation of Washoe County's first greenhouse; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill fostered positive working relationships with the May Foundation, the May Arboretum Society, and through relationship building, was instrumental in the creation of an endowment through the May Arboretum Society; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill instituted a learning environment for volunteers and staff, providing encouragement and support as an exemplary leader in his profession; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission expresses its appreciation to Bill Carlos for his enthusiasm and commitment to Washoe County and its residents and wishes Bill all the best in his well-deserved retirement and future endeavors.

**Adopted** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022



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Stephanie Chen, Chairperson  
Open Space and Regional Parks Commission