

# Washoe County, Nevada

## ~PROCLAMATION~

**WHEREAS,** Family caregivers play an increasingly important role in the wellbeing of loved ones, providing unpaid assistance with both health care tasks and activities of daily living; and

**WHEREAS,** More than 500,000 family caregivers in Nevada provide unpaid assistance equivalent to 348 million hours and an estimated value of 4 billion dollars each year; and

**WHEREAS,** The proportion of Nevada's population that is over 60 is growing more rapidly than other components, and the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that about 24 percent of Nevadans will be over age 60 by 2030; and

**WHEREAS,** To successfully address the surging population of older adults and others with significant needs for long-term services and supports, we must develop methods to encourage and support Nevada's family caregivers, while developing ways to recruit and retain a qualified, responsive in-home care workforce; and

**WHEREAS,** Washoe County and partners across the state promote the CARE Act as a means to support family caregivers and keep loved ones living at home;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim November as

### ~National Caregivers Month ~

and applauds the dedicated work of family caregivers and recognizes that caregiving for older, vulnerable and disabled Nevadans is a vital and needed profession today and in the future.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.

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Marsha Berkbigler, Chair  
Washoe County Commission

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