

# Washoe County, Nevada

## ~PROCLAMATION~

- WHEREAS,** Kick Butts Day is a national day of activism that empowers youth and others to speak up and take action to help prevent youth tobacco use; and
- WHEREAS,** Preventing youth initiation is a critical step in combating the problem of tobacco use, the leading cause of disease and preventable death in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** Nine out of 10 adult smokers began while in their teens, or earlier; and
- WHEREAS,** The tobacco industry spends over \$78.7 million each year to market their products in Nevada; and
- WHEREAS,** 10.3% percent of high school students and 15% of adults in Washoe County reported current cigarette use in 2015; and
- WHEREAS,** 44.7% of cancers in Washoe County in 2008-2012 were tobacco related;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim March 16, 2016 as

### ~Kick Butts Day ~

in Washoe County and encourages citizens to refrain from tobacco use and to seek assistance for smoking cessation.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

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Kitty Jung, Chair  
Washoe County Commission

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