

PROCLAMATION

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Month

WHEREAS, May 8, 2015 marks the 101st anniversary of the signing of the Smith-Lever Act, which established Cooperative Extension, through land-grant universities in partnership with federal, state and local governments to “diffuse useful and practical knowledge,” bringing research-based knowledge to people where they live and work; and

WHEREAS, Each year tens of thousands of youth and adults engage in practical University of Nevada Cooperative Extension learning opportunities designed to change lives through educational programs in agriculture; horticulture; natural resources; community and economic development; health and nutrition; and children, youth and families; and

WHEREAS, University faculty, local Extension educators and Cooperative Extension volunteers provide trusted education to help people, businesses and communities solve problems, develop skills and build a better future, living and working alongside Nevadans in all 17 counties; and

WHEREAS, Youth involved in 4-H are twice as likely to go to college and three times more likely to actively contribute to their communities; and Cooperative Extension’s 4-H program has reached millions of youth preparing them for positions of leadership; and

WHEREAS, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension sets a national standard in Extension programming excellence, being the only Extension in the country whose faculty have garnered the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities’ National Excellence in Extension Award twice since its inception in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Support for University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, and continued federal, state and local governments and the University of Nevada, Reno, is vital to ensure University of Nevada Cooperative Extension’s sustainability; now, therefore be it

PROCLAIMED, By the Washoe County Board of Commissioners that May 2015 is University of Nevada Cooperative Extension month and encourages residents of all ages to explore the many educational opportunities offered by the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension.

ADOPTED this 21st day of April, 2015.

Marsha Berkgigler, Chair
Washoe County Commission

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