

## ~Washoe County Proclamation~

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Aaron R. Kenneston began his second career as a Regional Emergency Manager in 2004, when he was appointed by the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners. Thereafter, Dr. Kenneston worked tirelessly to protect and support the safety of the citizens of Washoe County. Dr. Kenneston will retire from Washoe County on January 4, 2021, ending a 16-year career as the regional Emergency Manager;

**WHEREAS,** Prior to his service to Washoe County, Dr. Kenneston served in the United States Army for almost 25 years before retiring as a Colonel;

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Kenneston has several advanced degrees and is a graduate of many professional schools. Dr. Kenneston is a Certified Emergency Manager with the International Association of Emergency Managers and with the Nevada Emergency Preparedness Association and is a graduate of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Emergency Management Executive Academy. His lengthy commitment to public service began in 1980 when he joined the United States Army and served until 2004. During that time Dr. Kenneston responded to several County, State, and Federally declared emergencies including Y2K, flooding, and numerous wild land fires;

**WHEREAS,** In addition to his sixteen-year career as regional Emergency Manager, Dr. Kenneston has served generations of future emergency managers and first responders as an educator with Northern Nevada Community College and various online collegiate institutions;

**WHEREAS,** we greatly admire Dr. Kenneston for his lengthy and diverse career in public service, his kind, patient and understanding demeanor, and his infamous "Aaron-isms".

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim their deepest gratitude to:

**~ Aaron Robert Kenneston ~**

For his contribution and support to Washoe County and the northern Nevada community over the last 40 years. And let it be resolved that Dr. Kenneston will now enjoy a well-deserved retirement which will include ample time with his family and friends.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020

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Bob Lucey, Chair Washoe County Commission