

## ~Washoe County Proclamation~

- WHEREAS,** Director Frank W. Cervantes performed exceptionally while serving our community's youth and families over a career spanning 30 years and will retire January 8, 2020;
- WHEREAS,** Director Cervantes, a 4th generation Nevadan, graduated from Sparks High school in 1981 and went on to graduate from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1994 with a Bachelor of Social Work and Minor in Criminal Justice. His career in public service started in 1990 as a Washoe County Department of Juvenile Services Work Program Field Supervisor. In 1994, Frank left Washoe County and worked for the State of Nevada as a Social Worker and after graduating from the Western Nevada Peace Officer Academy in 1996, a Youth Parole Officer before returning to Washoe County as a Probation Officer in 1999;
- WHEREAS,** During his years in Probation and Detention Management, Frank helped to develop and teach a variety of programs that sought to bring together families and community partners to solve the problems impacting at risk youth and in 2003, was selected as Probation Officer of the Year. From 2008 to 2013, Frank served as a Division Director over Probation and Detention where his expertise helped advance Juvenile Justice policy on a broader level;
- WHEREAS,** In 2013, 2nd Judicial District Court Judge, the Honorable Egan Walker, appointed Frank Cervantes as the Director of Juvenile Services. In this capacity, Frank has honorably served on various State Juvenile Commissions and over the years, generously given time and knowledge to a variety of Community and Educational organizations; including, Truckee Meadows Community College Department of Criminal Justice, UNR School of Social Work, and the Children's Cabinet;
- WHEREAS,** Throughout his career, Frank has sought to develop partnerships that promote a unified approach to reduce and resolve the complex community-based issues that contribute to delinquent behavior across numerous systems and worked to educate all that undesired adolescent behavior does not develop in a vacuum, nor will it be resolved in isolation. Frank's 30-year dedication to this discipline was honored when he was selected as the 2020 School of Social Work Distinguished Alumnus at UNR;
- WHEREAS,** We honor Director Cervantes for his steadfast commitment to Washoe County, the State of Nevada, and his Juvenile Services employees. We thank him for his direction in a demanding field that was always tempered with welcomed levity.

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

~ Frank W. Cervantes ~

For his contribution and support to Washoe County and the youth of our Northern Nevada community over the last 30 years. And let it be resolved that Frank Cervantes will now actively pursue perfecting his golf swing, mastering his guitar's 5- fret stretch, revive jockeying of classic discs and spend quality time with his fabulous wife and two beautiful daughters.

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

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Bob Lucey, Chair Washoe County Commission