

PROCLAMATION

National 4-H Week

October 1-7, 2017

WHEREAS, the Federal Act of May 8, 1914, commonly known as the Smith-Lever Act of 1914, has fostered through the United States Department of Agriculture the development of a system of state Cooperative Extension Services in conjunction with our nation's land-grant universities, which disseminates and encourages application of research-generated knowledge and leadership techniques to individuals, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, the 4-H Youth Development Program is the youth outreach program of Cooperative Extension, emphasizing the importance of young people connecting to their communities, being well-informed and engaging in civic affairs, developing leadership skills, and preparing for college, work, career, and life; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 1914, the University of Nevada joined the Cooperative Extension System with the inauguration of Nevada Cooperative Extension. 4-H is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Carson City. 4-H serves youth in urban, suburban, and rural communities in Nevada and is available to youth ages five to 19. Nationally, 4-H is the largest youth organization empowering more than 6 million young people; and

WHEREAS, each of the four H's on the clover represent ways youth can grow and develop in 4-H. The first H stands for Head, for critical thinking, planning, and problem solving. The second H stands for Heart, for kindness, self-discipline, integrity, sympathy, and communication. The third H is for Hands, for being useful, helpful, skillful, to learn by doing, and to serve others. The fourth H is for Health, for choosing healthy lifestyles and to enjoy life; and

WHEREAS, as part of the 4-H experience, 4-H members are encouraged to learn about and contribute to the betterment of communities, to improve their quality of life, and to expand their leadership abilities. 4-H also utilizes a variety of community resources to enhance the educational experience of members. The 4-H program, like many other youth groups, relies heavily on volunteers, who are involved in nearly every aspect of the program; and

WHEREAS, the relationship between the federal, state, and local Extension system has provided for citizen input for research and educational programs for over 100 years. The Carson City/Storey County office of Cooperative Extension has provided exemplary services to the citizens of this county through programs related to 4-H, youth development, STEM, family development and well-being, agriculture, nutrition, and horticulture; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert L. Crowell, Mayor of Carson City on behalf of the Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim October 1-7, 2017 as "**National 4-H Week**" in Carson City and urge all youth and adult citizens to continue their support of Nevada Cooperative Extension and 4-H as an important investment in the future of the citizens of Carson City, Nevada.



Dated this 5th day of October, 2017.

Robert L. Crowell, Mayor