

Washoe County, Nevada

~PROCLAMATION~

WHEREAS, Nevadans highly value the native American black bear (*Ursus americana*) and want to prevent them from becoming habituated to people, which may embolden unacceptable behavior such as foraging in unsecured garbage bins or entering residences seeking human food; and

WHEREAS, Bear habitat in Nevada has been experiencing a severe drought that may reduce the availability of natural foods, and contribute to increased human conflicts in urban settings where these bears may seek easy, yet unsuitable; and

WHEREAS, The Nevada Department of Wildlife is recognized as taking a lead, proactive role in non-lethal bear management to solve human-bear conflicts with the use of Karelian Bear Dogs and aversive conditioning; and

WHEREAS, Washoe County and the Nevada Department of Wildlife wish to avoid physical injury to humans and bears alike; and continue to investigate bear conflicts where unsecured garbage, pet food, or other attractants are left by humans at home or camping.

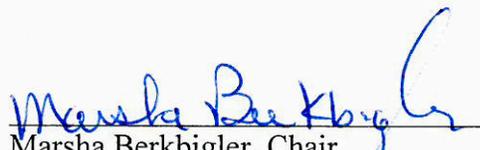
NOW, THEREFORE, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim July, 2015 as

~Bear Logic Month~

in the County of Washoe.

Dated this 16th day of June, 2015.




Marsha Berkgigler, Chair
Washoe County Commission