

Washoe County, Nevada

~PROCLAMATION~

- WHEREAS,** Food Day is a national day to examine our food system and advocate for improved food policies; and
- WHEREAS,** Food is a basic human need and all residents of Washoe County should have access to nutritious, affordable, sustainable, regionally grown food; and
- WHEREAS,** Fifteen percent of the population in Washoe County is food insecure and the nine food deserts within the County result in families with limited access to food; and
- WHEREAS,** Our regional food system significantly affects the public health, economy, land use, quality of life, and future of our growing community; and
- WHEREAS,** A strong regional food system which supports food production, processing, distribution, storage, and access, while minimizing waste, will conserve our natural resources and contribute to the environmental and economic health and prosperity of our region; and
- WHEREAS,** Washoe County has a vital role in ensuring that our regional food system is robust and equitable; and
- WHEREAS,** Washoe County is committed to supporting the efforts of the Food Policy Council and considering healthy food access and a sustainable regional food system when making policy decisions and updating future strategic plans, vision, values, goals, and objectives;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 24, 2016 is

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and supports healthy food access and a sustainable regional food system in Washoe County.

Dated this 18th day of October, 2016.

Kitty K. Jung, Chair
Washoe County Commission

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