

Washoe County, Nevada

~PROCLAMATION~

WHEREAS, the Honorable Peter J. Sferrazza began his career as a Justice of the Peace for Reno Justice Court in 2007, when he was appointed to the bench by the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners. Thereafter, the citizens of Washoe County voted to retain Judge Sferrazza in 2008, 2010 and 2016. Judge Sferrazza retired from the Reno Justice Court on October 28, 2020, ending a nearly 50-year career as an attorney, jurist, and politician;

WHEREAS, prior to his service on the bench, Judge Sferrazza served as a Commissioner, Vice-Chairman, and Chairman on the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners from 1998 to 2007, and he also served the City of Reno as its mayor from 1981 to 1995;

WHEREAS, Judge Sferrazza graduated from Michigan State University in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in political science. His lengthy commitment to public service began in 1969 when he joined the United States Peace Corps and served in Bahia, Brazil until 1971. Thereafter, he earned his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School and practiced public interest law in Wisconsin before relocating to northern Nevada in the mid-1970s. Prior to running for public office, Judge Sferrazza served as the Director of Nevada Indian Legal Services;

WHEREAS, in addition to his thirteen-year career as a judge in Reno Justice Court, Judge Sferrazza served the members of several northern Nevada Native American tribes as a tribal judge with the Washoe Tribal Court, the Yerington-Paiute Tribal Court, the Ely Shoshone Tribal Court, the Fallon-Paiute Tribal Court, the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court, the Walker River Paiute Tribal Court, and the Intertribal Court of Appeals;

WHEREAS, we greatly admire Judge Sferrazza for his lengthy and diverse career in public service and his kind, patient and understanding demeanor on the bench.

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

~ Peter Joseph Sferrazza ~

For his contribution and support to Washoe County and the northern Nevada community over the last 45 years. And let it be resolved that Judge Sferrazza will now enjoy a well-deserved retirement which will include ample time with his family and friends.

Dated this 10th day of November, 2020.

Bob Lucey, Chair Washoe County Commission