

~Washoe County Proclamation~

- WHEREAS,** Commissioner Marsha L. Berkbigler began her service as a public servant in 2012 when she was elected to the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners. The citizens of Washoe County voted to retain Commissioner Berkbigler in 2016. Commissioner Berkbigler is retiring from public service on January 3, 2021, ending an eight year career as a public servant, where she was the Chair of the Commission in 2015 and 2018, and a 44-year career in local and state politics;
- WHEREAS,** Prior to her service as a Washoe County Commissioner, Commissioner Berkbigler had a distinguished career as a lobbyist in the State of Nevada, where she helped negotiate and write legislation to protect our most vulnerable populations, natural resources, and small businesses;
- WHEREAS,** Commissioner Berkbigler has a strong history of commitment to improving our community as is evidenced by her dedication to promoting non-smoking legislation that enabled our schools, restaurants, and public venues to remove smoking from their facilities; advance measures necessary to keep our lakes and waterways clear and pollutant free; and consistently worked to provide positive initiatives benefitting medical personnel, first responders and the citizens receiving care;
- WHEREAS,** In addition to the eight years as a County Commissioner, Commissioner Berkbigler has served on numerous community boards and commissions including the Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce, the TMCC Foundation, KNPB's Board of Trustees, Community Homelessness Advisory Board, Nevada Tahoe Conservation District Board of Supervisors, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Governing Board, Truckee Meadows Water Authority, the Washoe County District Board of Health, the Washoe County Stadium Authority, and as a liaison for EDAWN (Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada);
- WHEREAS,** The citizens of Washoe County are deeply appreciative of the dedication, hard work, loyalty, and generosity of Commissioner Berkbigler, and are grateful for her numerous years of support to our community and State;

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

~ **Marsha Lee Berkbigler** ~

For her contribution and support to Washoe County and the Northern Nevada community over the last 44 years. And let it be resolved that Commissioner Berkbigler will now enjoy a much deserved and well-earned hiatus from public life which will include travel, golfing, and much time spent with her family, her good friends, and her three wonderful dogs.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2020.

Bob Lucey, Chair Washoe County Commission