



PROCLAMATION

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Day May 8, 2014

WHEREAS, May 8, 2014, marks the centennial of the signing of the Smith-Lever Act, which established Cooperative Extension, the nationwide transformational education system operating through land-grant universities in partnership with federal, state and local governments to “diffuse useful and practical knowledge,” bringing research-based knowledge to people where they live and work; and

WHEREAS, each year tens of thousands of youth, adults, families, farmers, ranchers, community leaders and others engage in practical, community-based and online University of Nevada Cooperative Extension learning opportunities designed to extend knowledge and change lives through educational programs in agriculture; horticulture; natural resources; community and economic development; health and nutrition; and children, youth and families; and

WHEREAS, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension is a critical component of the three-part land-grant university mission of education, research and outreach; and works collaboratively with research and academic programs of Nevada System of Higher Education institutions; and institutions of higher education throughout the country, to reach traditional and underserved audiences in all communities; and

WHEREAS, University faculty and local Extension educators dedicate careers to providing trusted education to help people, businesses and communities solve problems, develop skills and build a better future, living and working alongside Nevadans in all 17 counties, in both rural and urban environments; and

WHEREAS, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension volunteers provide more than 80,000 hours of service annually to Nevada communities through 4-H, Master Gardeners and other programs; and

WHEREAS, youth involved in 4-H are twice as likely to go to college and three times more likely to actively contribute to their communities; and Cooperative Extension’s nationwide 4-H youth development program has reached millions of youth, including Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval, preparing them for responsible adulthood and positions of leadership; and

WHEREAS, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension provides educational programs to help Nevadans prepare for and respond to wildfires through the Living With Fire Program, radon exposure through the Nevada Radon Education Program, floods, droughts, pest outbreaks and other potential disasters affecting humans, livestock and crops; and

WHEREAS, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension sets a national standard in Extension programming excellence, being the only Extension in the country whose faculty have garnered the APLU’s National Excellence in Extension Award twice since its inception in 2006; and also having received the APLU’s National Extension Diversity Award for its People of the Land Program, strengthening sustainable agriculture and natural resources management on reservations; and

WHEREAS, support for University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, and continued collaboration and cooperation among federal, state and local governments and the University of Nevada, Reno, is vital to ensure University of Nevada Cooperative Extension’s sustainability as the State’s premiere nonformal educational network.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert L. Crowell, Mayor of Carson City, Nevada, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim May 8, 2014 as **University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Day in**