

# PROCLAMATION

## National Family Caregivers Month

November 2015

**WHEREAS**, family caregivers play an increasingly important role in the wellbeing of loved ones, providing unpaid assistance with both health care tasks and activities of daily living; and

**WHEREAS**, more than a third of Nevadans over the age of 50 currently provide unpaid care for a parent, spouse, disabled child or other relative or friend; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 500,000 family caregivers in Nevada provide unpaid assistance equivalent to 348 million hours and an estimated value of 4 billion dollars each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the proportion of Nevada's population that is over 60 is growing more rapidly than other components, and the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that about 24 percent of Nevadan's will be over age 60 by 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, older adults who receive cost-effective services at home are more likely to continue to live independently in communities, without needing nursing home care or utilizing public assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, to successfully address the surging population of older adults and others with significant needs for long-term services and supports, we must develop methods to encourage and support Nevada's family caregivers, while developing ways to recruit and retain a qualified, responsive in-home care workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, the CARE Act enacted by the Nevada Legislature will provide communication and training for family caregivers ensuring smooth transitions home from hospitals and helping to prevent unnecessary readmissions; and

**WHEREAS**, Carson City and partners across the state promote the CARE Act as a means to support family caregivers and keep loved ones living at home, and applauds the dedicated work of family caregivers and recognizes caregiving for older, vulnerable or disabled Nevadans as a vital and needed profession today and in the future.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Robert L. Crowell, Mayor of Carson City, Nevada on behalf of the Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim November 2015 as "Family Caregivers Month."



Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015

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Robert L. Crowell, Mayor