

PROCLAMATION

POVERTY AWARENESS WEEK

SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 2, 2011

WHEREAS, childhood poverty costs the United States roughly \$500 billion a year, the equivalent of nearly 4 percent of the GDP; and

WHEREAS, childhood poverty reduces productivity and economic output annually by approximately 1.3 percent of GDP, raises the costs related to crime by 1.3 percent of GDP and raises health expenditures by 1.2 percent of GDP; and

WHEREAS, according to the US Census Bureau, the percentage of people living in poverty in Nevada increased from 11.6 percent in 2008 to 12.4 in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the number of Carson City residents living below the poverty level is reported to be 11.8 percent and the number of Carson City children living below the poverty level is reported to be 17.4 percent; and

WHEREAS, these statistics suggest that the development and implementation of effective anti-poverty strategies will yield large potential returns to the economy and society in general; and

WHEREAS, elevating people out of poverty through self-help initiatives is one of the most effective long term approaches to improving the economic health of our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert L. Crowell, Mayor of Carson City, Nevada, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim the week of September 26th through October 2nd, 2011 **Poverty Awareness Week** and urge all of our citizens to support those organizations in our community that help those less fortunate than ourselves improve their long term circumstances through education, hard work and determination.



Dated this 15th Day of September 2011


Robert L. Crowell, Mayor