

# PROCLAMATION

## POVERTY AWARENESS WEEK

OCTOBER 13 –OCTOBER 19, 2014

*WHEREAS*, the poverty rate for children under the age of 18 in the United States was 21.8 percent in 2012 and is expected to remain high; and

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

*WHEREAS*, according to the US Census Bureau, in 2012, 46.5 million people in the United States were living in poverty – nearly a record number since poverty statistics were first published; and

*WHEREAS*, the share of working families that are low income continues to rise; and

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

*WHEREAS*, elevating adults out of poverty through self-help initiatives is one of the most effective long term approaches to improving the circumstances of children and the overall financial 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 October 13th through October 19th, 2014 **Poverty Awareness Week** and urge all of our citizens to support those organizations in our community that help the less fortunate among us improve their long term circumstances through education, hard work and the creation of personal plans to move from poverty to prosperity.



Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2014

  
Robert L. Crowell, Mayor