## **PROCLAMATION**

## Friends of the Carson City Library 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

WHEREAS, on September 23, 1965 the official Friends' organization was established with Bernard Cerocke as president of this new support group; and

WHEREAS, in 1971 using marriage license fees and a grant from the Fleischmann Foundation, the City purchased and constructed the new Library on Roop Street, and thanks to another Fleischmann Foundation Grant awarded in 1980, the addition was completed in 1982; and

WHEREAS, during the early years basic dues for members of the Friends were \$1 a year; the organization was very active with quarterly meetings, potluck dinners, author events, and book sales. The book sales were one day events at the Carson Mall, usually bringing in several hundred dollars; and

WHEREAS, over the past 50 years many Friends have come and gone but the goal has remained the same – to support our public library; and

WHEREAS, the Mission of the Friends of the Carson City Library is to support and promote the purposes and activities of the Library and its community; and

WHEREAS, the bulk of fund raising is from book sales and the funds are used solely for books, periodicals, art reproductions, technological equipment, furnishings and other equipment that would not be available through the budget process; and

WHEREAS, the new Browsers Corner, located at 711 East Washington, was opened with a ribbon-cutting on April 12, 2014. Booklovers everywhere were delighted and have welcomed Friends of the Library with open arms, donations have increased, sales have doubled and they have truly become Carson City's premier bookstore.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Robert L. Crowell, Mayor of Carson City, Nevada, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2015 "Friends of the Library Day" in Carson City and ask our community to join with me in thanking the Friends of the Carson City Library for all they do and wish them a Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

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Dated this 17th day of September 2015.

Robert L. Crowell, Mayor