

PROCLAMATION

Carson City Mentoring Month January 2016

WHEREAS, in concert with the Presidential proclamation of January as National Mentoring Month and “My Brother’s Keeper” mentoring initiative, Carson City is partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern Nevada to proclaim January as Carson City Mentoring Month and January 21st as Carson City Mentoring Day; and

WHEREAS, the goals of Carson City Mentoring Day are to raise awareness of mentoring, recruit individuals to mentor, and encourage organizations to engage and integrate quality mentoring into their efforts; and

WHEREAS, a Mentor devotes time to a young person to help them discover personal strength and achieve their potential through a structured, supported, and trusting friendship; and

WHEREAS, quality mentoring encourages positive choices, promotes self-esteem, supports academic achievement and introduces young people to new ideas; and

WHEREAS, Big Brother Big Sisters of Northern Nevada is effective in preventing school violence and discipline problems, substance abuse, incarceration, teen pregnancy, truancy, and other risky behaviors; and

WHEREAS, research shows that young people at risk of not completing high school who had a mentor were 24% more likely to graduate, 55% more likely to enroll in college, 81% more likely to participate and hold leadership positions in sports or extracurricular activities, and 78% more likely to volunteer in their own communities; and

WHEREAS, youth development experts agree that mentoring is critical to the social, emotional and cognitive development of youth, helping them navigate the path to adulthood more successfully.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert L. Crowell, Mayor of Carson City, Nevada, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim January as Carson City Mentoring Month and January 21st as Carson City Mentoring Day.



Dated this 21st day of January 2016.

Robert L. Crowell, Mayor