

~P R O C L A M A T I O N~

WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month provides an opportunity to recognize and commend the efforts of mentoring programs and raise community awareness of the importance of mentoring; and

WHEREAS, the future of the *County of Clark* rests on the hopes and dreams of its children and youth; and

WHEREAS, mentors are caring, motivating individuals who are good listeners, offering support and encouragement and providing a consistent role model; and

WHEREAS, young people greatly benefit from mentors who can encourage self-confidence and positive attitude, inspire them in their education endeavors, inform them of the importance of healthy relationships with friends and families, and educate them about the perils of drug and alcohol abuse and delinquent behavior; and

WHEREAS, research has shown mentored youth are 52 percent less likely to skip school, 46 percent less likely to use drugs, and 27 percent less likely to start drinking; and

WHEREAS, mentors have the opportunity to learn about themselves, improve their values and morale, and get a fresh perspective on their lives; and

WHEREAS, various local mentoring programs have made significant contributions to our community by offering outstanding services to youth in the *County of Clark*; and

WHEREAS, the *County of Clark* commends all mentors of our community for the services they provide our youth, as they encourage others to make a difference in the life of the *County of Clark* youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Councilors does hereby proclaim January 2015

~NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH~

Commending all mentors in our community for the valuable contributions they provide our youth and urge them to continue their fine work making a difference in the lives of Clark County youth.

Signed this 13th day of January, 2015



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