

~PROCLAMATION~

- Whereas,** invasive aquatic, riparian and terrestrial species influence the productivity, value and management of Clark County's broad range of land and water resources; and
- Whereas,** costs to prevent, monitor and control invasive species combined with costs of crop, fisheries, forests and other resources damage nationally total \$137 billion annually; and
- Whereas,** invasive species are the second greatest threat to biodiversity after habitat destruction; and
- Whereas,** invasive species threaten the survival of native plants and animals and interfere with ecosystem functions by changing processes such as fire, nutrient flow and flooding; and
- Whereas,** invasive species impede industry, threaten agriculture, endanger human health, and become increasingly hard to control because of global commercialization and human travel; and
- Whereas,** invasive species are a significant threat to almost half the native species currently listed as federally endangered.

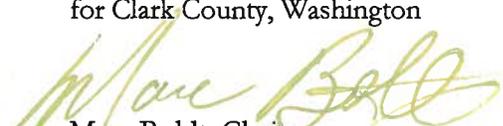
Now, therefore, the Board of County Councilors, hereby proclaims February 21-27 as

~ National Invasive Species Awareness Week ~

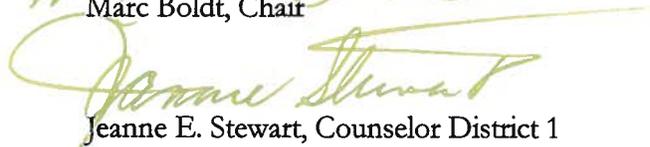
and encourages residents to participate in National Invasive Species Awareness Week activities to promote understanding of threats posed by invasive species.

Signed this 16th day of February 2016

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