

~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, courage is mastery of fear, not absence of fear; and

WHEREAS, the extraordinary courage and composure Neil Burkhardt showed in the face of danger February 4, 2014 is deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, while working at the Department of Veterans Affairs in the county's Center of Community Health, Mr. Burkhardt did, without hesitation or regard for his personal safety, intervene in a shooting that left one person gravely injured and tackle the still-armed shooter, wrestling the gun away from her; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burkhardt, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps, also suffered injuries in the incident and was hospitalized; and

WHEREAS, the prompt intervention and quick thinking by Mr. Burkhardt and his concern for others likely saved the victim from further harm and safeguarded the lives of numerous other fellow human beings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Clark County Commissioners hereby honors Neil Burkhardt for his heroic actions on February 4, 2014 and thanks this remarkable man for his contribution to the safety and welfare of those living and working in Clark County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Clark County to be affixed this ninth day of December 2014

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