



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, Ben Sharit has faithfully served the citizens and visitors to Lake Tahoe for 30 years as a Firefighter, Engineer, Captain, Battalion Chief and District Chief; and

WHEREAS, Chief Sharit assisted the citizens and visitors to Lake Tahoe by working to designate the Tahoe-Douglas Fire District as the permitting authority for the annual July 4th South Shore fireworks show, preserving this cherished local event; and

WHEREAS, Chief Sharit initiated SAFER Grants that restored firefighter staffing to pre-2008 recession levels, and was able to convert 100% of the 18 positions into full-time positions through effective financial management and community support; and

WHEREAS, Chief Sharit established the Lake Tahoe communities in Douglas County as the first regional Heart Safe Community in Nevada, placing AED's in public spaces and training hundreds of employees and residents in CPR; and

WHEREAS, Chief Sharit adopted a district-wide Wildland Urban Interface Curbside Defensible Space Program, and initiated a campaign to permanently fund the Washoe Zephyr Fire Crew fuels treatment programs, increasing wildland fire safety throughout Lake Tahoe; and

WHEREAS, Chief Sharit has served Nevadans as Chair of the Northern Nevada Fire Chiefs Association, the Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chiefs Association, the Nevada Fire Chiefs Association and the Sierra Front Wildfire Cooperators; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada gratefully commends and applauds the exceptional public service of Chief Ben Sharit, with deep admiration for his leadership in wildfire prevention and public safety, and with appreciation for his many contributions to the Silver State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA do hereby proclaim July 1, 2016, as a day in honor of

CHIEF BEN SHARIT



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 23rd day of June, 2016.

By the Governor: _____ Governor

Barbara K. Segarske
Secretary of State

By *Scott L. Lamm*
Deputy