## **Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, William P. Thornton began his career serving the citizens of Nevada as a firefighter in 1993, joining the Nevada Fire Department and moving up through the ranks until he was promoted to the rank of Fire Chief in 2012;

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Thornton is retiring at the end of March 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, over his 26 years of employment, Chief Thornton has displayed the highest example of character, ethics, morals and unselfish service; and

**WHEREAS**, under his effective leadership, the Nevada Fire Department has grown to meet the emergency response needs of the community it serves responding to over 700 calls annually for emergency response, and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Thornton has led the Nevada Fire Department administratively and operationally having 13 full-time firefighters under his leadership, and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Thornton has been an integral member of the broader fire and EMS community by contributing his time and expertise to many projects, committees and official boards to promote the most efficient and effective methods of utilizing the resources available to the emergency response profession, and

**WHEREAS**, on behalf of the entire City Council, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to Chief Thornton for his loyalty to the Nevada Fire Department and the citizens of Nevada, and wish him much happiness as he begins this new chapter in life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mayor George Knox urge all citizens and employees to join me and the City Council in appreciating his work and congratulating Chief Thornton on an outstanding career with the City of Nevada and wishing him many continued years of happiness and good health.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of March 2020.

Johnna Williams, City Clerk	George Knox, Mayor