

Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) -
In Celebration of County Government Month – April 2018

Counties Provide Critical Services for All Nevadans

On behalf of Nevada's 17 counties, which serve a shared constituency of nearly 3 million residents, we ask you to join us in honoring National County Government Month this April. Counties provide many important services in all of Nevada's communities including: support for our seniors and most vulnerable, police and fire, justice and district courts, the administration of elections, district attorneys, public defenders, and the maintenance of roads, water systems and other critical infrastructure vital to our state's economic health and public safety.

Counties are also an important part of the public health system—they help fund over 83% of our state's nursing homes and provide significant support to public hospitals as well as to the Medicaid and indigent patients that hospitals serve. Clark County's University Medical Center is the largest county hospital in Nevada; and some rural counties support public hospitals in areas where there would otherwise be no access to healthcare. Last year Washoe County invested over \$60 million to protect seniors and children.

Counties provide services on Nevada's public lands and to public lands users in urban and rural areas including emergency response, law enforcement, firefighting support, and roads. In fact, counties maintain over 65% of the roads in the State, a responsibility that county leaders recognize as crucial to our state's economic sustainability and quality of life. NACO will be working with our federal partners to ensure that future transportation and infrastructure reforms represent the best interests of Nevadans and meet the needs of Nevada's businesses.

Counties will continue to tackle major issues moving forward including the opioid and substance abuse epidemic that threatens our communities, finding solutions for those held in county jails who suffer from mental health issues, managing growth effectively, helping to preserve and protect our natural resources for the benefit of all, and continued service to our most vulnerable.

During the month of April, please take the time to learn about County Government. Visit the NACO website: www.nvnaco.org, or visit us on twitter @nvnaco to find out more about what counties do and ways you can participate in county governance.

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NACO is the statewide association representing all 17 of Nevada's counties.

