

# ~PROCLAMATION~

**Whereas,** invasive aquatic, riparian and terrestrial species harm the productivity, value and management of Clark County's broad range of water and land resources; and

**Whereas,** invasive species are the second greatest threat to biodiversity worldwide after habitat destruction and threaten almost half the native species currently listed as federally endangered; and

**Whereas,** invasive species threaten the survival of native plants and animals and interfere with ecosystem functions by changing processes such as nutrient flow, fire and flooding; and

**Whereas,** invasive species hamper industry, threaten agriculture, endanger human health, and become increasingly hard to control because of global commercialization and human travel; and

**Now, therefore,** the Board of County Councilors hereby proclaims February 26 through March 4 as


## ~ *National Invasive Species Awareness Week* ~

and encourages residents to guard against invasive species by: cleaning hiking boots, clothing and vehicles before leaving an outdoor recreational area or work site; cleaning, draining and drying private boats before heading home; burning firewood where you gather or buy it; using weed-free forage, hay, mulch and soil; not dumping aquariums or live bait into waterways; joining eradication efforts; and reporting new or growing invasive species outbreaks to Clark County Vegetation Management or the Washington Invasive Species Council.

Signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2017

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