

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Dr. James E. Deacon, Distinguished Professor Emeritus from UNLV received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Kansas with a major in zoology and since arriving at UNLV in 1960, his research has focused on ecology and conservation biology of desert fishes, and on issues of sustainable water use in the Southwest; and

WHEREAS; he has published more than 90 scientific papers, articles, and made contributions to books and other compendia. Dr. Deacon has received awards from the American Fisheries Society, National Wildlife Federation, Nevada Department of Museums and History, and the Nature Conservancy, and in recognition of his cumulative contributions to science he was elected "Fellow" of the prestigious American Association for the Advancement of Science; and

WHEREAS; his work has been influential in the creation of two National Wildlife Refuges; establishing the extent of the reserved Federal water rights for two National Parks, and the development of water quality standards for the Las Vegas Wash designation of several species of threatened or endangered fishes; and

WHEREAS; Dr. Deacon has been a Distinguished Professor at UNLV since 1988. As one of the longest standing professors at UNLV, and one of the creators of the Department of Environmental Studies, his vision attracted hundreds of students into the program. Through his dedication to the resolution of environmental problems, Dr. Deacon has become a role model for his former students; and

WHEREAS; His 41 years as a member of the UNLV faculty provided him with a keen insight related to the growth in the Las Vegas valley, and it is that insight that drove his goals of achieving a sustainable environment through knowledge, learning, and real life experiences in the Department of Environmental Studies; now

THEREFORE; We, the Mayor and members of the Las Vegas City Council, hereby proclaim Wednesday, June 19, 2002 to be

DR. JAMES E. DEACON DAY

in the City of Las Vegas and ask all citizens to join us in this celebration.




Mayor Oscar B. Goodman


Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Reese


Councilman Michael J. McDonald


Councilman Larry Brown


Councilwoman Lyette Boggs McDonald


Councilman Lawrence Weekly


Councilman Michael Mack

