

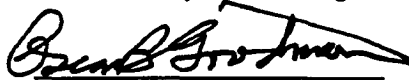
PROCLAMATION

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE



- WHEREAS;** in the early 1900s, Las Vegas was a hub for the San Pedro, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake City Railroad, a predecessor to the Union Pacific Railroad. The company formed the Las Vegas Land and Water Company (LVL&W) in 1905 to sell land and provide water to Las Vegas' growing population. At that time, water came solely from wells and the Las Vegas Springs; and
- WHEREAS;** by the mid-1940s, the small town of Las Vegas was facing a major water crisis. As population and water demand grew, city officials became more concerned about a dwindling groundwater supply. Hoping to curb groundwater usage, the Nevada Legislature created the Las Vegas Valley Water District in 1947; and
- WHEREAS;** the Las Vegas Valley Water District began operations on July 1st 1954. The Water District also drilled its first well; and
- WHEREAS;** in 1960, the District raced to keep pace with the growing population by extending water lines in all four directions from the valley's center. The District began a plan to meet the community's long-term water needs by planning a water treatment facility and distribution network at Lake Mead's Saddle Island. This facility became known as the Southern Nevada Water Project; and
- WHEREAS;** currently the Las Vegas Valley Water District has a peak demand of over 450 million gallons per day and the service population surpasses one million people; and
- THEREFORE,** We, the undersigned Mayor and City Council for the City of Las Vegas, do hereby take great pride in celebrating:

50 Years of Service by the Las Vegas Valley Water District
in the City of Las Vegas



Mayor Oscar B. Goodman


Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese


Councilman Larry Brown


Councilman Lawrence Weekly


Councilman Michael Mack



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