

RECOGNIZING PAIN IN THE DRAIN MONTH

- WHEREAS;** the proper collection and treatment of our community's wastewater is an important part of our quality of life and our environmental stewardship, and;
- WHEREAS;** each day, our community wastewater needs are met by more than 1,700 miles of pipelines and millions of dollars in high-level treatment equipment that turn this water back into a resource for our community and our environment, and;
- WHEREAS;** the accumulation of fat, oil, grease and grit incorrectly placed in our collection system has contributed to nearly half of the sanitary sewer overflows we have experienced and significantly increases sewer system maintenance costs, and;
- WHEREAS;** keeping unwanted pharmaceuticals and personal care products out of the sewer system protects the delicate ecosystems in the Las Vegas Wash, Lake Mead and the Colorado River, and;
- WHEREAS;** our wastewater treatment professionals have teamed with other collection and treatment agencies across Southern Nevada to educate our citizens on how to better care for our community resources and the health and safety of our citizens by participating in the Pain in the Drain public outreach program, and;
- WHEREAS;** this award-winning program has gained national recognition for its appeal and quality of the clever and effective message it gives to customers to properly dispose of fat, oil, grease, grit, pharmaceuticals and other unwanted wastes rather than depositing them into our wastewater system;
- THEREFORE;** we the Las Vegas Mayor and City Council encourage all citizens of the city of Las Vegas to learn more about and participate in this effort to educate ourselves, protect our infrastructure and care for our environment through the proper disposal of these items, and proclaim May 2, 2007 to be:

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in the City of Las Vegas