



Las Vegas **City Council**


Proclamation

- Whereas; The Mayor and members of the Las Vegas City Council recognize Dr. Sarann Knight Preddy as family and friends gather to celebrate the release of her book, "72 Years in Las Vegas" on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at the West Las Vegas Library; and*
- Whereas; Dr. Sarann Knight migrated to Las Vegas in 1942, settling with her husband in the Westside African-American community; and*
- Whereas; Dr. Preddy first sought employment on Jackson Street, known then as the "Black business district" where she was a Keno writer in the Cotton Club. She later relocated to Hawthorne, Nevada and purchased her first gaming venture, a nightclub for Blacks, offered for \$600.00. She purchased and renamed it the "Tonga Club" and operated it for seven years. With club ownership, she became the first Black woman to own a gaming license in Nevada; and*
- Whereas; Dr. Preddy returned to Las Vegas in 1955 and worked at Jerry's Nugget. The NAACP had been told that Jerry's Nugget would hire a Black dealer if they could recommend a qualified person. Sarann accepted the challenge and worked there for seven years. Thereafter, she returned to the business as the owner and operator of The People's Choice Casino. She then purchased the famed Moulin Rouge. The Moulin Rouge was closed in the late 1990s. The famed hotel casino burned to the ground in 2003; and*
- Whereas; Dr. Preddy also ran for the Clark County Commission; served on the local NAACP Executive Board; organized the Women's Auxiliary to the local NAACP branch; and became a founding member of the Las Vegas Barbara Jordan Democratic Club. She was also a key leader in the business sorority, Gamma Phi Delta; and*
- Whereas; Dr. Preddy still resides in Las Vegas, adding to the many accolades that have been bestowed upon this community icon, Dr. Preddy was recently awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Nevada, Las Vegas now standing alongside legendary entertainer Diana Ross as the only African-American woman to ever receive the honor from the school. Now, in her 10th decade, she is now accustomed to being introduced as Dr. Sarann Knight Preddy; and*
- Therefore; In great honor of Dr. Preddy's past and present accomplishments and commitment to the business community in Nevada and for the release of her book, we the Mayor and members of the City Council do hereby proudly proclaim,*

October 4, 2014


Dr. Sarann Knight Preddy Day

In the City of Las Vegas


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