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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TRANSFER OF FOSSILS COLLECTED AT WHAT IS NOW THE TULE SPRINGS FOSSIL BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT FROM THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument (the "Monument"), managed by the National Park Service, was established by an Act of Congress that was signed by President Barack Obama on December 19, 2014; and

WHEREAS, from 2003-2013 thousands of fossils from Nevada lands that are now part of the Monument were removed by the San Bernardino County Museum, under contract from the Bureau of Land Management, and are now housed in San Bernardino County, California; and

WHEREAS, in June 2015, more than 9,700 fossils from the 2003 Nevada Power Harry Allen Transmission Line mitigation were transferred from the Bureau of Land Management to the National Park Service and returned to the federal repository at the Nevada State Museum; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service has photographed these 9,700 fossils and made them available for study; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 21,000 separate catalogued items comprising an estimated 90,000 fossils remaining in the San Bernardino County Museum repository; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to study all of the specimens from the Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument would provide expanded educational opportunities to students of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service is renowned for its interpretive programs and abilities and is now the federal land manager of the 22,650 acres of monument lands.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BASED ON THE FOREGOING, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY  
2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS to support the transfer of the Tule Springs Fossil Beds  
3 National Monument fossil collections, in their entirety, from the Bureau of Land Management to the  
4 National Park Service and the return of the fossil collections to the State of Nevada.

5 PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

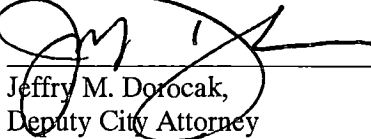
6 CITY OF LAS VEGAS

7 BY   
8 CAROLYN G. GOODMAN, Mayor

9 ATTEST:

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11 LUANN D. HOLMES, MMC  
12 City Clerk

13 APPROVED AS TO FORM

14  10/25/16  
15 Jeffrey M. Dorocak, Date  
16 Deputy City Attorney