

City of Las Vegas
Office of the City Council

Proclamation



WHEREAS; through his athletic prowess, dedication and humanitarianism, University of Nevada, Las Vegas graduate Larry Johnson has brought national acclaim to the City of Las Vegas and helped lead UNLV to Nevada's only Team National NCAA Championship in 1990 and back to back Final Four appearances; and

WHEREAS; he received the prestigious John Wooden and Naismith College Player of the Year Awards, was a unanimous selection two consecutive years as a National All-American, and played on the gold winning team for the United States at the 1994 World Championships; and

WHEREAS; his hard work with the Runnin' Rebels resulted in his being the first pick of the first round of the 1991 NBA draft by the Charlotte Hornets, and he went on to be named Rookie of the Year and was selected NBA All-Star, and joined the New York Knicks in 1996 where his work contributed to a trip to the NBA finals in 1999; and

WHEREAS; the Southern Nevada Community has recognized his hard work and commitment to the community by retiring his jersey at UNLV and inducting him into the UNLV Sports Hall of Fame in 2008; and

WHEREAS; he has continued using his skills and resources by building the Larry Johnson Academic and Recreation Center in Texas, and by providing a program in which young children in the United States travel to study their roots in Africa, and by working today as an integral part of R.E.E.N., a City of Las Vegas program focusing on positive development of youth and families through academics, athletics and the arts; and

THEREFORE; We, the Mayor and Members of the Las Vegas City Council, do hereby take great pride in bestowing upon Larry Johnson a key to the City of Las Vegas and in proclaiming Wednesday, July 2, 2008 as:



Larry Johnson Day

In the City of Las Vegas and urge all citizens and employees to join us in celebrating the life and accomplishments of Larry Johnson.

Mayor Oscar B. Goodman

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese

Councilman Larry Brown

Councilman Steve Wolfson

Councilwoman Lois Turkunian

Councilman Steven D. Ross

Councilman Ricki Y. Barlow

Submitted at City Council

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