

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: SEPTEMBER 3, 2008

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF LEUKEMIA, LYMPHOMA AND MYELOMA AWARENESS MONTH

Minutes:

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN provided a brief history on the creation of the Robert Roesler de Villiers Foundation, currently known as The Leukemia Society of America. Sixty-four years ago, a young man named Robert contracted leukemia and quickly succumbed to the disease. Frustrated by the lack of effective treatments, his parents, RUDOLPH and ANTOINETTE DE VILLIERS, founded an organization in their sons name, which later became the worlds largest foundation for funding the care and services for leukemia patients, especially children. Although leukemia is 100 percent fatal, generous donor contributions have provided the funding necessary to assist in the research efforts.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN recalled a personal story that involved a young vivacious woman who attended the University of Nevada Las Vegas and diagnosed with one of these diseases; despite the treatments, she ultimately succumbed to the disease.

Introducing SYLVIA WOLF, Executive Director of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Las Vegas, COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN presented her with the Proclamation declaring September 3, 2008 as Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Day.

MS. WOLF stated that she is living proof that the research works. She is a survivor. She welcomed everyone to visit the Leukemia and Lymphoma website, LLS.org., noting that as a result of generous donors, there is currently a fellowship at the Nevada Cancer Institute. She expressed her gratitude for the Proclamation.

RECESSED: 9:35-9:41 A.M.

After reconvening, MAYOR GOODMAN announced that COUNCILMAN ROSS had asked to be excused until 10:30 a.m. due to a prior commitment.