

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: NOVEMBER 5, 2008**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at meeting Copy of the Proclamation declaring November 2008 as Native American Heritage Month

Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN commented that the City is proud to embrace different heritages and to be a part of community events. He was pleased to see the Native American community involved in the same way.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANTAN thanked and complimented the beautiful Native American dancers for their performance. As part of the celebration, the City recognized the American Indian Alliance (AIA), University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). She asked KYLE ETHELBAH, AIA, to accept the proclamation on behalf of AIA. The AIA is a group of concerned faculty, staff and allies who serves as an informal organization to assist with student and staff acclimation to UNLV and the community. MR. ETHELBAH is one of the founders of the UNLV Native American Alliance. Under his leadership, a fund was established to support Native American students and cultural programming at UNLV.

MR. ETHELBAH was grateful for the recognition. He recalled how the group began in 2000 with three members and how it has flourished. He introduced members of the AIA: DR. PATRICE HOLLRAH, Director of the UNLV Writing Center; DR. MICHELLE CHINO, Associate Professor of Environmental Occupational Health; DR. CAROLEE DODGE FRANCIS, Director of the American Indian Research and Education Center; DR. P. JANE HAFEN, Associate Professor of English, UNLV; and CHRISTOPHER KYPUROS, Associate Director of Student Financial Services, UNLV.

The Councilwoman presented the proclamation to MR. ETHELBAH, as well as a certificate to each AIA member and thanked each one for their sacrifice and dedication.

MAYOR GOODMAN recognized the Native American dancers and SHARON SINGER, Teacher, Fremont Professional Development Middle School.

