

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: NOVEMBER 18, 2009**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:
RECOGNITION OF NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at meeting Copy of Proclamation Recognizing Native American Heritage Month

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN ROSS recognized November as Native American Heritage Month. Throughout Nevada, Native Americans play important roles in the State's history. Their language and culture are invaluable contribution to Nevada's history. This year the City of Las Vegas proudly recognizes the Southern Paiute Elders Group for their commitment to preserving Paiute culture in the community. The group consists of elders from the various bands of Southern Paiute including Las Vegas, Pahrump, Moapa and St. George. The group actively promotes the practice of the Paiute language, arts and traditions. The group is frequently called upon by organizations including government agencies to advise on projects on a regional or historically sensitive land important to Paiute and other Native communities so that cultural references are not overlooked. Some of these projects include Red Rock Canyon, Middle Kyle Canyon, and historic Corn Creek, which evidences that the area was home to Native Americans for over 5,000 years.

COUNCILMAN ROSS recognized KENNY ANDERSON from the Las Vegas Band and other members of the different bands.

MR. ANDERSON stated that the group has been working together for over 10 years preserving Native American customs, songs and dances. They have been in the Valley for many years, and each mountain has a name. He thanked the City for the recognition. COUNCILMAN ROSS presented him with a proclamation.