

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: MAY 19, 2010**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL MISSING CHILDRENS DAY

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted after the Meeting Copy of Poster of Missing Persons Shatteria and Shania Hewlett

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON indicated that May 25th is National Missing Children's Day, and provided a background of events between 1979 and 1981 and how those events changed the way law enforcement agencies respond to reports of missing children. After the abduction of ADAM WALSH in 1983, PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN proclaimed May 25th as National Missing Children's Day and stated it is an opportunity to reunite children with their families.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON also recognized the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police (Metro) Officers and the Missing Persons Detail. He invited SERGEANT TOM WAGNER, Nevada Child Seekers Board Member, and Metro officers to the podium and recognized their efforts in working 24/7 to help find missing children and reunite them with their families.

SERGEANT WAGNER thanked the Council for the recognition and the detectives for their hard work. He stated their continued efforts would not be possible without Metro staff and the non-profit organizations' support.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON added that this unit handles over 9,000 cases per year and one third is children-related cases. He invited STEPHANIE PARKER, Executive Director, Nevada Child Seekers, to the podium and presented her with the proclamation. The Council will highlight a missing child at each Council meeting starting today, in hopes that the additional exposure will help bring that child home safely. He highlighted an endangered runaway, SHATTERIA HEWLETT and her one-month old baby, SHANIA HEWLETT, who have been missing for one month and are in need of medical attention. DOROTHY HEWLETT, who adopted her, was in the audience, and she stated she would love to see them brought home. COUNCILMAN WOLFSON thanked MS. PARKER for her hard work.

MS. PARKER appreciated the recognition and was pleased to see the City Council start making the announcements. Parents are really grateful when they see the community take interest in their children and it helps expedite the recovery process. The Councilman added that if anyone has information about the children's whereabouts, they can call Nevada Child Seekers at 702-458-7009, Metro's Missing Persons Unit at 702-828-3111, or visit the Nevada Child Seekers website. He also noted the Fire Department's poster "Never Leave Children in Parked Vehicles." which are available to the public.