

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: APRIL 6, 2011**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF THE GRANT A GIFT AUTISM FOUNDATION

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting Copy of Proclamation for The Grant A Gift Autism Foundation Day

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY recognized the Grant a Gift Autism Foundation and invited LINDA TACHE, Founder and Executive Director, and DIANE WEEKS, Board Member, to the podium. The Foundation is a non-profit organization that helps children and their families fight autism through a diagnostic, support service and community outreach connection. It provides direct scholarships and funding to enhance, promote and improve the quality of life for each student. The Foundation has served many individuals and families personally affected by autism. The Councilman presented MS. TACHE with a proclamation.

MS. TACHE thanked the Mayor and Council for their support and stated that she has been able to work in the Legislature on different autism bills. She serves on the Autism Coalition of Nevada and is the Co-Chair for the Joint Committee of Nevada Early Intervention Services for the Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders. Throughout these experiences, she has seen how autism affects Nevada. Approximately 6,000 families are affected and with the State cuts, only six percent will receive help. Unfortunately, 90 percent of children growing up without support and treatment will be wards of the State or dependant on family members. The goal is to partner with other autism related organizations, state agencies and providers to help fill those gaps. The Foundation has partnered with the Clark County School District to have local businesses adopt autism classrooms and raised over 17,000 items and money for the District. She thanked everyone for their support and invited the public to visit their website at grantgiftautismfoundation.org to learn more about the foundation.