

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: SEPTEMBER 17, 2014**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting - Copy of Proclamation for Mexican Independence Day -16th of September of 2014

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN COFFIN recognized Mexican Independence Day as part of Hispanic Heritage Month. Mexican Independence was brought forth by domination of the old European powers where it became difficult to do business. In 1810 in the town of Dolores, Mexico, Father Hidalgo gave the "El Grito de Dolores" to announce the cry for freedom. The Councilman stated that the vast majority of Las Vegas residents are Mexican; he is of Mexican descent and he is proud of his heritage and believes that the friendship between the two countries will continue. He invited JULIAN ADEM, Counsel of Mexico in Las Vegas, who thanked the Councilman and recognized the City's efforts towards Mexican nationals living in Las Vegas, which are over 200,000. On September 15 was the famous "El Grito" which Mexico remembers as the beginning of independence. On September 14 he was honored by the Mayor's presence, where he repeated Father Hidalgo's "El Grito". Thousands flew from Mexico to Las Vegas to celebrate this day, as well as some of the most important Mexican singers and entertainers. He is happy to be in Las Vegas as a Counsel, and he thanked the City Council for recognizing Mexico's Independence Day.

COUNCILMAN COFFIN presented COUNSEL ADEM with a proclamation.

MAYOR GOODMAN added that forty-four percent of Clark County School District students are Spanish speaking but part of one family with the same focus of what is best for the entire community. She was honored to participate in the celebration.