

R-22-93
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A NEW MISSION
FOR THE NEVADA TEST SITE

WHEREAS, the Nevada Test Site has been an integral part of the Las Vegas economy for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, over 17 thousand people are employed in Nevada Test Site activities; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Test Site contributes \$867 million dollars annually to the Nevada economy; and

WHEREAS, recent legislation provides for a limited underground nuclear testing program for three years leading to a comprehensive nuclear weapons test ban in 1996;

WHEREAS, a comprehensive nuclear weapons test ban would result in a substantial reduction in the Nevada Test Site workforce and have a severe impact on the economy of Nevada;

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas desires to ensure that the Nevada Test Site continue its significant contributions to the local economy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Las Vegas City Council does hereby urge:

1. The federal and state governments to support a new mission for the Nevada Test Site making it the nation's testing and demonstration center.

2. The federal government to adopt a mission statement for the Nevada Test Site that reads as follows:

"The primary mission of the Nevada Test Site (NTS) is to ensure that the nation's nuclear weapons testing needs continue to be met, while extracting maximum value from the nation's investment in the NTS' facilities, equipment and personnel resources. In furtherance of this mission, the NTS will serve as the nation's national center for testing and demonstrating geographically demanding technologies."

"The secondary missions of the NTS will be to support other programs that can benefit from the unique attributes of the NTS, providing a return on the nation's investment in nuclear weapons testing without adverse impact on that program."

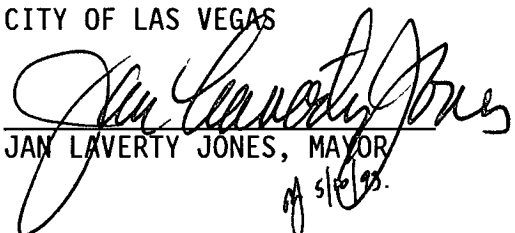
3. The state and federal governments to place programs that use the technical resources, capabilities, and basic services of the NTS and that support appropriate NTS secondary missions. Examples of these missions are: reconfiguration of the nuclear weapons complex; defence restructuring and demilitarization; alternative and renewable energy source demonstration; ground-based high technology testing; and waste management and environmental technology demonstration.



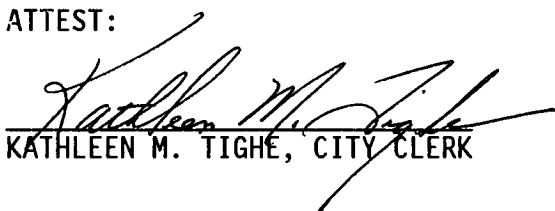
4. That a copy of this resolution be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Vice President of the United States as presiding officer of the Senate; the Speaker of the House of Representatives; each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; to the Secretary of Energy; and to the Governor of Nevada and be it further

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of May, 1993.

CITY OF LAS VEGAS


JAN LAVERTY JONES, MAYOR
of 5/10/93.

ATTEST:


KATHLEEN M. TIGHE, CITY CLERK