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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO FACILITATE THE
INCLUSION OF LANDS IN THE RED ROCK CANYON NATIONAL CONSERVATION
AREA BY AUTHORIZING THE EXCHANGE OF CERTAIN LANDS BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES AND THE HOWARD HUGHES CORPORATION**

WHEREAS, HOWARD HUGHES CORPORATION (HUGHES) and its affiliates have developed and continue to develop within the City of Las Vegas the Summerlin master planned community; and

WHEREAS, along the western and northern boundaries of the Summerlin community, HUGHES owns certain properties that have been proposed for addition to the Red Rock National Conservation Area (NCA) under the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 and the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Establishment Act of 1990; and

WHEREAS, inclusion of these properties in the NCA would preserve viewsheds of the Spring Mountains from the Las Vegas Valley and provide for improved public access to the NCA, resulting in significant public benefit; and

WHEREAS, HUGHES has selected, from within the disposal area of the United States Bureau of Land Management, certain lands that HUGHES considers suitable for exchange for the properties proposed for inclusion in the NCA; and

WHEREAS, leaders representing a variety of state and local environmental groups have endorsed the proposed exchange of lands for the stated purpose; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to encourage the adoption of legislation which will facilitate the inclusion of properties in the NCA and thereby result in benefit to the public; and

WHEREAS, such legislation was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives, designated as H.R. 5428, the "Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Expansion Act of 2000"; and

WHEREAS, additional Federal legislation has been or is intended to be introduced, tentatively entitled the "Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Protection and Enhancement Act of 2001."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS to encourage and support any federal legislation that will facilitate the inclusion of

1 properties in the NCA, including the bill tentatively entitled the "Red Rock Canyon National
2 Conservation Area Protection and Enhancement Act of 2001" and any bill of like intent.

3 PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this 20th day of February, 2002.

4 CITY OF LAS VEGAS

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6 By 
7 OSCAR B. GOODMAN, Mayor

8 ATTEST:

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10 BARBARA JO RONEMUS, City Clerk

11 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

12  2-6-02
13 Date