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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC LANDS ACT

Whereas, the Mojave Desert region of Southern Nevada is a unique environment containing a diverse geography, geology and populations of plant and animal species in need of protection and preservation; and

Whereas, the City of Las Vegas supports the delineation of certain areas of importance as Wilderness Areas for the protection and preservation of the unique Mojave Desert qualities of the public lands in Clark County; and

Whereas, the need for balanced land management exists to ensure that sufficient lands are available for recreation, transmission corridors, urban development and other activities associated with the human population in Southern Nevada along with the protection and preservation of the unique qualities of the Mojave Desert; and

Whereas, the adoption of a Clark County Public Lands Act should provide for the balance of the needs of the human population and grant lasting protection for Southern Nevada's diverse and unique public lands through specific wilderness designations; and

Whereas, approximately 89.0 percent of the land in Clark County is overseen by the United States Government and managed by eight Federal agencies; and

Whereas, the current administration of the public lands by Federal agencies already provides for a managed level of protection of all public lands in Clark County; and

Whereas, the Cities of Las Vegas, Henderson, North Las Vegas and Clark County have jointly participated in the development, adoption, funding and implementation of the Clark County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan with the goal of securing and providing habitat of threatened or endangered species in Clark County; and

Whereas, the Bureau of Land Management, which administers 55.6 percent of the lands in Clark County, has extensively studied the unique wilderness areas of Nevada and recommended various areas for Wilderness Designation; and

Whereas, other citizen groups, land users and interested parties have also been involved in the review and recommendation of various areas for Wilderness Designation; and

Whereas, the Southern Nevada region as one of the fastest growing population areas in the United States, continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to the quality of life of its citizenry balanced with the commitment to the character and quality of public lands in Clark County and the Clark County Public Lands Act should be consistent with these goals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Las Vegas supports the designation of new areas of wilderness in Clark County through the Clark County Public Lands Act with consideration given to the balance between the protection of the Mojave Desert Region and the

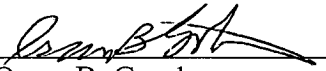
continuing commitment to growth, development and expansion of the City of Las Vegas and Southern Nevada including the following:

- The recommendations of the Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service are used as the basic foundation for the areas to be designated as wilderness with the addition of unique sites to protect petroglyphs, pictographs, and sites sacred to Native Americans and other commonly accepted high quality sites of biological or geographic importance.
- Lands to the west and north of the City of Las Vegas are identified for the future growth, development and expansion of the City.
- Provisions of the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act are supplemented to provide more direct benefit to the units of local government, as defined by the Act, for the provision of parks and public facilities that support the quality of life for the residents of Southern Nevada.

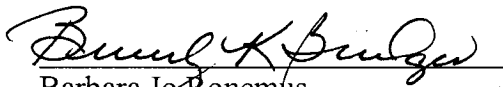
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Nevada's U.S. Senators and Representatives for consideration in the development of the Clark County Public Lands Act.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 15th day of May, 2002.
City of Las Vegas, Nevada

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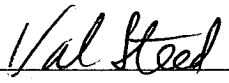

Mayor Oscar B. Goodman

ATTEST:


Barbara Jo Konemus
City Clerk

By: Beverly K. Bridges
Chief Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 5-8-02
Date