

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RETENTION OF ALL PROCEEDS
FROM LAND SALES UNDER THE 1998 SOUTHERN NEVADA
PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT ACT**

WHEREAS, Congress passed the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act in 1998, allowing the Bureau of Land Management to sell certain Federal lands in Clark County, Nevada, for possible development; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the passage of the Act, and to this day, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Area was and is the fastest growing urban area in the United States, and the Act was passed in response to that growth in an effort to offset negative environmental impacts on national recreation and conservation areas surrounding the Las Vegas Valley; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Act, funding is allocated to various accounts to address the impacts of growth experienced as a result of these land sales; and

WHEREAS, the passage of the Act was intended to replace lost State revenue resulting from the fact that 84 percent of lands within the State were owned by the Federal Government at the time of the passage of the Act, depriving the State of tax revenues from a substantial majority of Nevada land; and

WHEREAS, since the first auction of land in 1999, this program has generated approximately \$1.6 billion, of which \$435 million has been allocated to the development of parks, trails, and natural areas, which has benefited the City of Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, the City has received over \$121 million, which has been used to address the impacts of growth; and

WHEREAS, upon addressing a federal deficit estimated at \$527 billion, President Bush has proposed to change federal law and reallocate 70 percent of the profits from Federal land sales in Nevada, generously approximated to reach \$700 million in future years, which would do little to offset the Federal budget; and

WHEREAS, the loss of such a substantial source of revenue for the State would have a direct and devastating impact on local units of government, having a negative impact on dozens of ongoing and future projects.

1 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
2 OF LAS VEGAS that the Mayor and City Council support the position that 100 percent of the funds
3 from federal land sales remain in the State of Nevada as the 1998 Southern Nevada Public Land
4 Management Act originally intended.

5 PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 2nd day of March, 2005.

6 CITY OF LAS VEGAS

7
8 BY 
9 OSCAR B. GOODMAN, Mayor

10 ATTEST:

11 
12 BARBARA JO RONEMUS, City Clerk

13 APPROVED AS TO FORM

14  2-22-05
15 Date