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MEMORANDUM

Historic Resource Commission meeting of March 13, 2014

TO: Historic Resource Commission **Item F-3**
FROM: Susan Dorr Pansky, Planning Manager
DATE: March 4, 2014
SUBJECT: **HRC-13-157 Proclamation for Historic Preservation and Archaeological Awareness Month in May 2014**

Recommended Motion: I move to recommend that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of May as Historic Preservation and Archaeological Awareness Month.

Discussion:

Since the National Trust for Historic Preservation created Preservation Week in 1971 to spotlight grassroots preservation efforts in America, it has grown into an annual celebration observed by small towns and big cities with events ranging from architectural and historic tours and award ceremonies, to fundraising events, educational programs, and heritage travel opportunities. Due to its overwhelming popularity, in 2005, the National Trust for Historic Preservation extended the celebration to the entire month of May and declared it Preservation Month to provide an even longer opportunity to celebrate the diverse and unique heritage of our country's cities and states, and enable more Americans to become involved in the growing preservation movement.

Nevada has expanded the National Trust's declaration of May as National Preservation Month to include the recognition of the importance of archaeological resources. Through the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office, May has been declared as Historic Preservation and Archaeological Awareness Month.

By declaring Nevada's Historic Preservation and Archaeological Awareness Month theme as "Nevada's Sesquicentennial – 150 Years of Statehood," communities throughout the state, which are filled with historic and archaeological treasures that are important reminders of the state's roots and entrance into the Union, will be celebrating—and May is the month to honor them. The National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office encourage communities to reach out to growing audience of neighbors, tourists, students, preservationists and archaeologists by promoting historic places in our community, and encourage newcomers to learn more about Carson City's local preservation efforts.

Attached is the draft proclamation for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. If you have questions regarding this item, please contact Susan Dorr Pansky at 283-7076 or spansky@carson.org.

PROCLAMATION

“Historic Preservation and Archaeological Awareness Month”

May 2014

WHEREAS, historic preservation and archaeological awareness are effective tools for managing growth and sustainable development, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation and archaeological awareness are relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

WHEREAS, "Nevada's Sesquicentennial – 150 Years of Statehood" is the theme for Nevada's Historic Preservation and Archaeological Awareness Month 2014, cosponsored by the Carson City Historic Resources Commission and the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert L. Crowell, Mayor of Carson City, Nevada, do proclaim May 2014 as Historic Preservation and Archaeological Awareness Month, and call upon the people of Carson City to join their fellow citizens across Nevada in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

Dated this May 1, 2014

Robert L. Crowell, Mayor

