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### MEMORANDUM

Historic Resource Commission meeting of April 14, 2016

**TO:** Historic Resource Commission **Item F-4**

**FROM:** Susan Pansky, AICP, Special Projects Planner

**DATE:** April 5, 2016

**SUBJECT:** HRC-16-015 Proclamation for Historic Preservation and Archaeological Awareness Month in May 2016

**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.

In celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), this year's theme is **“Our Legacy, Our Future: The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act.”** This act was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on October 15, 1966. The NHPA established the legal framework and incentives to preserve historic buildings, landscapes and archaeology all around Nevada and the nation. These heritage resources shape our sense of place, anchor economic revitalization, and ensure a more sustainable future for Nevada.

By declaring May as Historic Preservation and Archaeological Awareness Month, communities from coast to coast like Carson City, which are filled with historic treasures, will be celebrating—and May's the month to honor them. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has

encouraged communities to reach out to our growing audience of neighbors, tourists, students and preservationists 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 Pansky at 283-7076 or [spansky@carson.org](mailto:spansky@carson.org).

# PROCLAMATION

## “Historic Preservation and Archaeological Awareness Month”

May 2016

**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;

**WHEREAS**, “Our Legacy, Our Future: The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act” is the theme for this year’s Historic Preservation and Archaeological Awareness Month 2016, in honor of the National Historic Preservation Act being signed into law on October 15, 1966 by President Lyndon B. Johnson;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Robert L. Crowell, Mayor of Carson City, Nevada, do proclaim May 2016 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 5th day of May, 2016

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Robert L. Crowell, Mayor

