

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING AND ENDORSING THE LAS VEGAS YOUTH COMMISSION AS A
3 MODEL YOUTH PARTICIPATION PROJECT IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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5 WHEREAS, the Las Vegas youth commission was formed in
6 1998 by the Las Vegas city council to encourage young people
7 to take a more active and constructive role in city
8 government; and

9 WHEREAS, the Las Vegas youth commission has acted as a
10 powerful voice for young people in Las Vegas and San Miguel
11 county; and

12 WHEREAS, the Las Vegas youth commission functions as a
13 chartered advisory group to the mayor, city council, city
14 government employees and other commissions and committees on
15 all matters affecting young people; and

16 WHEREAS, the Las Vegas youth commission deals with
17 issues as diverse as building a healthier community,
18 combating violence, conducting public forums and developing
19 substance abuse programming, as well as historic
20 preservation, city regulation of scooters, roller skates and
21 skateboards, underage drinking and litter; and

22 WHEREAS, the Las Vegas youth commission has been
23 recognized nationally for its performance by the communities
24 that care program as one of the nation's outstanding youth
25 projects and, more recently, by the New Mexico civic

1 engagement project as one of New Mexico's most outstanding
2 youth civic organizations; and

3 WHEREAS, the Las Vegas youth commission has a proven
4 track record of developing young leaders, inspiring youth to
5 become more involved in their community and improving the
6 quality of community life in Las Vegas and the surrounding
7 area;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Las Vegas youth commission and
10 its sponsor, the Las Vegas city council, be recognized and
11 endorsed for their accomplishments and for the example that
12 the commission sets as a positive youth development
13 organization; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Las Vegas youth
15 commission be encouraged to form a partnership with New
16 Mexico highlands university and the New Mexico civic
17 engagement project to host a statewide summit on the role of
18 youth in local government and the establishment of a model
19 youth commission as a tool for increasing youth involvement
20 in civic affairs, local government and community improvement;
21 and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that youth boards, youth
23 commissions and other organizations that encourage the next
24 generation to become more involved in civic affairs, as well
25 as in local and state government, be viewed as an asset to

1 the people and communities of New Mexico, to the future of
2 the state and to the development of more active and informed
3 residents; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the Las Vegas youth commission. _____

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