CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM

Issue: Proclamation to designate April 2009 as "Fair Housing Month" in Clark County

Petitioner: George W. Stevens, Chief Financial Officer

Recommendation:

That the Board of County Commissioners present a proclamation to the Nevada Fair Housing Center proclaiming April 2009 as "Fair Housing Month" in Clark County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

BACKGROUND:

April 2009 marks the 41st anniversary of the passage of the Federal Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968. This Act states: "It is the policy of the United States to provide, within Constitutional limitations, for fair housing throughout the United States." The law makes it illegal "to discriminate against any person in the terms, conditions, or privileges of the sale or rental of a dwelling, or in the provision of services or facilities in connection therewith, because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin."

The Federal Fair Housing Law gave enforcement responsibility to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Over the years HUD has helped thousands of citizens to obtain homes and apartments that were, at first, illegally denied to them. Nevertheless, there are still families who have not been permitted to buy or rent the home of their choice because of their race, color, religion, national origin, or sex.

The Nevada Fair Housing Center provides monitoring, education, and technical and legal assistance in the investigation and enforcement of fair housing complaints and alleged fair housing discrimination in the County. Clark County is a partner with the Nevada Fair Housing Center to ensure equal access to housing and credit for residents of Clark County.

Ms. Gail Burks, Executive Director, Nevada Fair Housing Center, will be at the Board meeting to accept the proclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Yolanda King, Director of Budget & Financial Planning

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