**CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
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**Recommendation:**

That the Board of County Commissioners present a proclamation to Dirk Arthur for assisting Clark County Animal Control in providing temporary shelter for “C.J.” the chimp.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

- Fund #: N/A
- Fund Name: N/A
- Fund Center: N/A
- Funded Pgm/Grant: N/A
- Description: N/A
- Amount: N/A
- Added Comments: N/A

**BACKGROUND:**

Dirk Arthur is known around Vegas as one of the best magicians in town, he has performed extensively in Atlantic City and Las Vegas, and has appeared on television in NBC’s "World Greatest Magic," "Late Show with David Letterman" and on his own special "Big Cat Magic," seen on the Animal Planet network.

Dirk uses a variety of animals in his shows and provides a safe residence for his collection of rare, exotic cats at his home. On August 11, 2012 “C.J.” the chimp escaped from her owner’s residence and Clark County Animal Control was forced to find a temporary place to house C.J. Thankfully, Dirk Arthur offered a secure space at his residence to temporarily house C.J. Dirk worked hand in hand with Clark County Animal Control during C.J.’s stay to make sure she was safe and protected, until arrangements could be made for her trip to a chimp sanctuary in Oregon.

The Board of County Commissioners is honored to present a proclamation to Dirk Arthur, for his kindness and generosity and stepping up to the plate to help his community out during this difficult situation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sabra Smith Newby, Director
Administrative Services

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