

SENATE BILL NO. 136—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION’S
SUBCOMMITTEE TO STUDY THE
PROTECTION OF NATURAL TREASURES)

FEBRUARY 21, 2007

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Designates the month of May of each year as Archeological Awareness and Historic Preservation Month in Nevada. (BDR 19-213)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to periods of observance; designating the month of May of each year as Archeological Awareness and Historic Preservation Month in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

- 1 Under existing law, various days and weeks of observance are recognized in
 - 2 this State. (NRS 236.018-236.065) This bill designates the month of May of each
 - 3 year as Archeological Awareness and Historic Preservation Month in this State and
 - 4 requires the Governor to issue annually a proclamation encouraging the observance
 - 5 of Archeological Awareness and Historic Preservation Month.
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** Chapter 236 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
- 2 thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 3 ***1. The month of May of each year is designated as***
- 4 ***Archeological Awareness and Historic Preservation Month in this***
- 5 ***State.***
- 6 ***2. The Governor shall issue annually a proclamation***
- 7 ***encouraging the observance of Archeological Awareness and***



1 *Historic Preservation Month. The proclamation may, without*
2 *limitation:*

3 (a) *Call upon state and local officers, private nonprofit groups*
4 *and foundations, schools, businesses and other public and private*
5 *entities to work toward the goal of preserving the irreplaceable*
6 *historic, archeological and cultural resources of this State;*

7 (b) *Recognize the important contributions of many cultures to*
8 *the history of this State; and*

9 (c) *Recognize the importance of specific historic, archeological*
10 *and cultural sites in this State, including, without limitation:*

11 (1) *Tule Springs in southern Nevada as an area well known*
12 *in the scientific community as one of the best Pleistocene*
13 *paleontologic sites in the western United States and in which the*
14 *fossil remains of several extinct animals have been found,*
15 *including ground sloths, mammoths, prehistoric horses and*
16 *American camels;*

17 (2) *Springs Preserve in southern Nevada as a site organized*
18 *to manage the rich cultural and biological resources of the*
19 *180-acre Big Springs Archaeological District, which is considered*
20 *to be the birthplace of the City of Las Vegas and in which*
21 *archaeological discoveries have been made, including a Pueblo*
22 *Indian pithouse, one of the last undisturbed spring mounds,*
23 *pottery, arrowheads and other artifacts, endangered plants and*
24 *animals, as well as historic buildings and infrastructure from*
25 *southern Nevada's first water system; and*

26 (3) *Other specific historic, archeological and cultural sites*
27 *located throughout this State in both urban and rural areas,*
28 *regardless of whether those sites are listed in the National Register*
29 *of Historic Places.*

30 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

