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AN ACT relating to periods of observance; designating the month of April of each year as “Paleontological Awareness Month” in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Under existing law, various days and weeks of observance are recognized in this State. (NRS 236.018-236.075) This bill designates the month of April of each year as “Paleontological Awareness Month” in this State and requires the Governor to issue annually a proclamation encouraging the observance of Paleontological Awareness Month.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 236 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The month of April of each year is designated as “Paleontological Awareness Month” in this State.

2. The Governor shall issue annually a proclamation encouraging the observance of Paleontological Awareness Month. The proclamation may, without limitation:

(a) Call upon state and local officers, private nonprofit groups and foundations, schools, businesses and other public and private entities to work toward the goal of preserving the paleontological resources of this State;

(b) Recognize the important contribution of prehistoric fossils and other paleontological sites to the history of this State; and

(c) Recognize the importance of specific paleontological sites in this State, including, without limitation:

(1) Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park as one of North America’s most abundant concentrations of Ichthyosaur fossils;

(2) Tule Springs in southern Nevada as an area well known in the scientific community as one of the best Pleistocene paleontological sites in the western United States and an area in which the fossil remains of many extinct animals have been found, including, without limitation, ground sloths, mammoths, prehistoric horses, giant American lions, giant bison, llamas and American camels; and



(3) Other specific paleontological sites located throughout this State.

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