

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 122—ASSEMBLYMEN SWANK, ELLIOT ANDERSON; ARAUJO, CARRILLO, DIAZ, DICKMAN, DOOLING, JOINER, OHRENSCHALL, SPIEGEL, SPRINKLE, THOMPSON, TITUS AND WHEELER

FEBRUARY 6, 2015

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Establishes “Nevada Modernist Architecture Day” as a day of observance. (BDR 19-538)

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 days of observance; establishing “Nevada Modernist Architecture Day” as a day of observance; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law sets forth certain days of observance in this State to commemorate
2 certain persons or occasions or to publicize information regarding certain important
3 topics. (Chapter 236 of NRS) This bill establishes May 20 of each year as “Nevada
4 Modernist Architecture Day,” which is a day of observance and not a legal holiday.

1 WHEREAS, In 1972, authors Robert Venturi, Denise Scott
2 Brown and Steven Izenour published an acclaimed treatise on mid-
3 20th century architecture entitled *Learning from Las Vegas*, which
4 described the pivotal role Nevada played in shaping that era’s
5 architectural design across the country; and

6 WHEREAS, Nevada has many classic examples of mid-20th
7 century architecture which are listed in the National Register of
8 Historic Places, including the Fleischmann Atmospherium
9 Planetarium and the Pioneer Theater-Auditorium in Reno, and the
10 Morelli House, the John S. Park Historic District and the Berkley
11 Square neighborhood, located in Las Vegas; and

12 WHEREAS, The “Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas” sign is
13 widely recognized throughout the world as an important icon and is
14 listed in the National Register of Historic Places; and



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1 WHEREAS, The Las Vegas Strip is internationally famous as a
2 mid-20th century architectural resource and has been designated by
3 the United States Department of Transportation as an "All-
4 American Road"; and

5 WHEREAS, The La Concha Motel Lobby, once viewed as
6 outdated, has been restored and is located at the Neon Museum, has
7 been listed in the City of Las Vegas Historic Property Register and
8 is now recognized as a classic example of mid-20th century design,
9 demonstrating the need to preserve such architectural treasures;
10 now, therefore,

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12 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
13 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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15 **Section 1.** Chapter 236 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
16 thereto a new section to read as follows:

17 *May 20 of each year is designated as Nevada Modernist*
18 *Architecture Day in celebration of the unique and important*
19 *examples of mid-20th century architecture in this State and in*
20 *recognition of the need to preserve these historically significant*
21 *places that are a central part of the rich cultural history of this*
22 *State.*

23 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

