

Amendment No. 717

Assembly Amendment to Senate Bill No. 336 First Reprint	(BDR 19-791)
Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Government Affairs	
Amends: Summary: No Title: No Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: Yes Digest: No	

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of green bold underlining is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

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Date: 5/15/2019

S.B. No. 336—Requires the Governor to annually proclaim July 28 as Buffalo Soldiers Day in the State of Nevada. (BDR 19-791)



SENATE BILL NO. 336—SENATORS D. HARRIS, SPEARMAN, PARKS; CANNIZZARO,
DONDERO LOOP, OHRENSCHALL AND SCHEIBLE

MARCH 18, 2019

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN THOMPSON, MONROE-MORENO, TORRES, ASSEFA,
FRIERSON; BILBRAY-AXELROD, CARRILLO, COHEN, DURAN, ELLISON,
FLORES, GORELOW, HAFEN, HARDY, LEAVITT, MARTINEZ, MCCURDY,
MILLER, MUNK, NEAL, PETERS ~~[AND]~~, SMITH AND WATTS

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Requires the Governor to annually proclaim July 28 as Buffalo
Soldiers Day in the State of Nevada. (BDR 19-791)

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; requiring the Governor annually to
proclaim July 28 to be “Buffalo Soldiers Day” in Nevada; and
providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law sets forth certain days of observance in this State to commemorate certain
persons or occasions or to publicize information regarding certain important topics. (NRS
236.018-236.085) This bill requires the Governor to annually proclaim July 28 to be “Buffalo
Soldiers Day” in the State of Nevada.

WHEREAS, On July 28, 1866, after the end of the Civil War, Congress enacted
legislation that allowed African-American men to serve in six segregated units in
the United States Army during peacetime; and

WHEREAS, These new units, which consisted of former slaves and African-
American soldiers that fought in the Civil War, were the 9th and 10th Cavalry, and
the 38th, 39th, 40th and 41st Infantry, which were later reorganized as the 24th and
25th Infantry; and

WHEREAS, These soldiers were nicknamed Buffalo Soldiers by the Native
Americans against whom they fought because of their reputation for toughness and
bravery in battle and the buffalo fur coats that they wore in the winter; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the era of the Indian Wars, Buffalo Soldiers were
posted from Montana in the Northwest to Texas, New Mexico and Arizona in the
Southwest, making up approximately 20 percent of the United States Cavalry
troops; and

1 WHEREAS, Besides their impressive military contributions, the Buffalo Soldiers
2 also had a significant role in the expansion of the West by escorting settlers, cattle
3 herds and railroad crews, exploring and mapping vast areas of the Southwest and
4 stringing hundreds of miles of telegraph lines; and

5 WHEREAS, The Buffalo Soldiers were some of the first park rangers in the
6 national parks of the Sierra Nevada, where they protected the parks from illegal
7 grazing, poaching, timber thieves and forest fires and helped build roads and trails
8 in the parks for the enjoyment of all Americans; and

9 WHEREAS, Buffalo Soldiers also served courageously during World War I and
10 World War II; and

11 WHEREAS, African-Americans have fought with distinction in all of this
12 country's military engagements and 23 Buffalo Soldiers received the Congressional
13 Medal of Honor, which is the highest military distinction awarded in the name of
14 Congress to members of the armed forces for bravery and service; and

15 WHEREAS, It is important to honor the dedication and sacrifices of the Buffalo
16 Soldiers, recognize the contributions that they have made to the State of Nevada
17 and to the United States and preserve their legacy; now, therefore,

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

24 *1. The Governor shall annually proclaim July 28 to be "Buffalo Soldiers*
25 *Day" in the State of Nevada.*

26 *2. The proclamation must call upon the news media, educators, business*
27 *and labor leaders and appropriate governmental officers to bring to the attention*
28 *of Nevada residents the important contributions Buffalo Soldiers made to the*
29 *State of Nevada and the United States.*

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