

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF CLARK URGING CONGRESS TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC
LANDS INCLUDING AND ADJACENT TO SUNRISE MOUNTAIN, FRENCHMAN MOUNTAIN,
AND RAINBOW GARDENS**

WHEREAS, The public lands including and adjacent to Sunrise Mountain, Frenchman Mountain, and Rainbow Gardens are undeveloped natural treasures located near the Las Vegas Valley; and

WHEREAS, These public lands contain colorful mountain ranges rising up from the desert lowlands; and

WHEREAS, These open spaces create a mosaic of extraordinary scenery, habitat, recreation and natural resources, managed by the Bureau of Land Management for multiple-uses, that are of immeasurable value to the health, welfare and enjoyment of Clark County's residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, public lands are essential to the quality of life in Clark County, providing extensive public recreational opportunities for wildlife watching, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, bicycling, sightseeing, responsible off-highway vehicle use, and numerous other outdoor recreational activities, thereby improving the health of our community and its visitors; and

WHEREAS, Gypsum Cave, which holds some of the earliest evidence of human inhabitation in the western United States and is significant to Indian tribes, is located on these public lands; and

WHEREAS, These public lands contain evidence of the Great Unconformity, which consists of exposed surface rock that represents more than one quarter of the history (1.2 billion years) of the Earth's crust and tectonic plates; and

WHEREAS, Several plant species that have received special status designation by the Bureau of Land Management are found on these public lands; and

WHEREAS, Clark County seeks to promote responsible off-highway vehicle recreation; and

WHEREAS, Many Clark County residents enjoy the natural desert landscape and the outdoor recreational opportunities of Sunrise Mountain, Frenchman Mountain, and Rainbow Gardens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for Clark County, that the Board, through the passage of this Resolution, that:

1. Clark County does hereby urge Congress to protect the public lands including and adjacent to Sunrise Mountain, Frenchman Mountain, and Rainbow Gardens by designating them for federal protection, which may include, without limitation, designating all or portions of the area as a national conservation area, national recreation area or national monument, or applying other federal protections that Congress deems appropriate for these important and scenic lands.
2. Clark County requests the continued public lands management of Sunrise Mountain, Frenchman Mountain, and Rainbow Gardens by the Bureau of Land Management.
3. Clark County will continue its efforts to promote responsible recreational use, such as off-highway vehicle use on designated routes, at Sunrise Mountain, Frenchman Mountain, and Rainbow Gardens.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 21st day of September 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

BY: _____
MARILYN KIRKPATRICK, Chair

ATTEST: _____
LYNN GOYA, County Clerk