

PROCLAMATION

"Always Lost: A Meditation on War"

WHEREAS, the Carson City Board of Supervisors deems it important and proper to recognize and honor those members of our community who have contributed to our society through the arts; and

WHEREAS, Western Nevada College Professor Emeritus Don Carlson, who observed in 2008 that the Iraq War was perhaps the most impersonal war the U.S. has ever fought; and

WHEREAS, Western Nevada College Professor Emeritus Marilee Swirczek, who collaborated with Professor Carlson, dedicated the course of study in her 2009 creative writing classes to reading, thinking, and writing about war in order to personalize the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, and thus all wars, and created an arts and humanities exhibition that has captured the nation's attention;

WHEREAS, "Always Lost: A Meditation on War" is a powerful and moving tribute that has become a sacred and public space in which to contemplate the personal and collective costs of war and to honor those U.S. military service members who gave their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan, those who made it home, and those who continue to serve; and

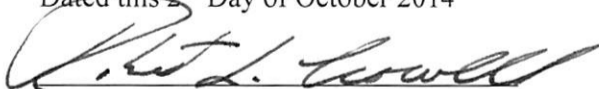
WHEREAS, the Nevada Arts Council, a division of the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts; the Nevada Humanities Committee; and donations by charitable citizens and organizations in Carson City and across the nation, have helped fund this traveling exhibition; and

WHEREAS, "Always Lost: A Meditation on War" opened at Western Nevada College in 2009, made its national debut in Marinette, Wisconsin in 2010, and continues to bring its message of awareness, healing and unity to communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, "Always Lost: A Meditation on War" was named an Official Sesquicentennial Exhibit by the Nevada 150 Commission; is on a two-year statewide sesquicentennial tour sponsored by the Nevada Department of Veterans Services; was displayed at the Nevada Legislative Building in 2013 and is scheduled to be installed there during the 2015 Legislative Session; and

NOW THEREFORE, it is with pride and appreciation that I, Mayor Robert L. Crowell and the Carson City Board of Supervisors, now recognize the dedication, wisdom, compassion, and perseverance of Professor Marilee Swirczek, Professor Don Carlson, the students of Western Nevada College and the citizens of Carson City, that have made "Always Lost: A Meditation on War" a reality and a treasure for future generations to reflect on.

Dated this 2nd Day of October 2014


Robert L. Crowell, Mayor

Karen Abowd, Supervisor Ward 1

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