

PROCLAMATION

The Great American Smoke-Out Day

November 15, 2007

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General has said that smoking remains the single most preventable cause of premature death in our society; and

WHEREAS, each year smoking accounts for 438,000 premature deaths in the U.S. and 38,000 non-smokers die as a result of exposure to second-hand smoke; and

WHEREAS, smoking and related-illnesses also account for 20% of all sick days taken by employees nationwide; and

WHEREAS, for thirty years millions of smokers have participated in the American Cancer Society's Great American Smoke-Out, a day on which they give up cigarettes for twenty-four hours; in the hope they may quit permanently; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of those who gave up cigarettes for the day were able to give up the habit entirely; and

WHEREAS, this demonstration of success suggests that the Great American Smoke-Out has potential for improving the health of the citizens of Carson City.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Marv Teixeira, Mayor of Carson City, Nevada, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2007 as **The Great American Smoke-Out Day** and encourage Carson City employees and citizens to give up smoking today.



Dated this 15th Day of November, 2007

Marv Teixeira, Mayor