

PROCLAMATION

Bear Logic Month July 2014

WHEREAS, the American black bear (*Ursus Americana*) is the only bear species occurring naturally in Nevada, and in Carson City they are primarily found west of 395; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Department of Wildlife reports an increase in human-bear conflicts in the last few years due to an increase in people living in bear habitat, dry climate conditions, and access to non-native food sources such as garbage; and

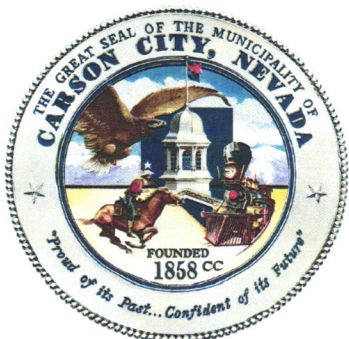
WHEREAS, when bears have access to human food sources they may become conditioned to human food and habituated to people which may embolden their behavior causing them to rummage through unsecured garbage bins, or even enter residences seeking human food; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Department of Wildlife is recognized as taking a lead, proactive role in non-lethal bear management to solve human-bear conflicts with the use of Karelian Bear Dogs and Aversive Conditioning; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of all Nevadans to not feed wildlife, to properly secure their garbage and pet food, and to remove attractants whether at home or camping; and

WHEREAS, Carson City encourages all residents and tourists who live or play in bear habitat to maintain a safe distance, and never approach or feed a bear, and to practice Bear Logic habits including use of wildlife-resistant containers; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Robert L. Crowell, Mayor of Carson City, Nevada on behalf of the Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim the month of July as “**Bear Logic Month**” in Carson City.



Dated this 3rd day of July 2014.


Robert L. Crowell, Mayor