

RESOLUTION #649

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, NEVADA, IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATIVE DESIGNATION OF GOLD BUTTE AS A NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA WITH WILDERNESS.

WHEREAS, the Gold Butte Complex of Area of Critical Environmental Concern is recognized for critical tortoise habitat, sensitive species, scenic and cultural resources, including historic mining, prehistoric habitation and rock art; and

WHEREAS, the Gold Butte Complex has become a destination for numerous recreation opportunities including camping, hiking, motorized recreation and sightseeing; and

WHEREAS, Gold Butte draws visitors from across the country, and provides important economic benefits to nearby communities, such as Mesquite; and

WHEREAS, the National Landscape Conservation System will provide opportunity for interpretation, education and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, working with local jurisdictions to develop an effective management plan would permanently protect the natural and cultural resources within the Gold Butte area;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Mesquite, Nevada, supports the designation of the Gold Butte Complex as a National Conservation Area with Wilderness. The City further urges Congress to enact these designations and mandate that an effective management plan be implemented that secures the interests of neighboring jurisdictions.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Nevada, on the 27th day of October 2009.

THE CITY OF MESQUITE:

Susan M. Holecheck, Mayor

Cherry Lawson, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Cheryl Truman Hunt, City Attorney