

1 **RESOLUTION IN GENERAL SUPPORT OF EFFORTS BY THE STATE OF NEVADA**  
2 **TO BE SELECTED FOR ONE OF THE SIX NATIONAL TEST RANGES**  
3 **FOR UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS**

4 WHEREAS, the State of Nevada has a long and distinguished history of directly  
5 contributing to the national security and defense of the United States of America; and

6 WHEREAS, the State of Nevada and its local governments are indebted to the  
7 dedicated and selfless men and women assigned to NAS Fallon, Creech AFB, Nellis AFB and  
8 auxiliary air fields, and the Reserve and National Guard units across the state; and

9 WHEREAS, the State of Nevada's military operations have attracted the aerospace,  
10 defense, and national security industry to the state, and have led to increased technological advances  
11 and important supporting relationships with our universities, research laboratories, and technical  
12 colleges; and

13 WHEREAS, national security and defense sectors are increasingly important to  
14 Nevada's economy as they provide and support approximately 190,000 jobs and generate more than  
15 \$18 billion in revenue; and

16 WHEREAS, the economic impact of military operations would not have been  
17 possible without the past and continuing congressional, state, and local support; and

18 WHEREAS, our military investments, military expertise, technically trained  
19 workforce and geographic and climatic diversity have positioned the State of Nevada well in  
20 retaining its military operations, and competing for next generation technology prospects; and

21 WHEREAS, remotely piloted aircraft, cyberspace and intelligence, surveillance and  
22 reconnaissance mission areas will be high priority areas of defense and national security budgets;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act and related Federal  
25 legislation directs the Federal Aviation Administration, in coordination with the Department of  
26 Defense and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, to determine how to safely operate  
27 unmanned aircraft systems ("UAS") in shared national airspace; and

28 WHEREAS, such Federal legislation authorizes the establishment of six national test  
ranges to facilitate the purposes of the legislation; and

1 WHEREAS, the creation of test ranges across the country will mark the first step in  
2 what will undoubtedly be a long-range process, leading to a common-day occurrence in which  
3 manned and unmanned aircraft fly safely and seamlessly together in the national airspace.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
5 OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, to lend general support to efforts by the State of Nevada to:

- 6 1. Promote Nevada as the "Silicon Valley" of UAS education, testing, research, and  
7 manufacture.
- 8 2. Look for ways to sustain and expand the State of Nevada's direct support of the national  
9 security and defense sectors, as military spending continues to be downsized in the foreseeable  
10 future.
- 11 3. Leverage its congressional and state leadership, current military expertise, technical  
12 workforce, geographical, climate diversity, and vast aerospace to provide a concerted effort to  
13 aggressively pursue the high priority requirements of the United States Department of Defense and  
14 Federal Aviation Administration.
- 15 4. Compete for and be selected as one or more of the six national test ranges under the Federal  
16 legislation described above.

17 PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

18 CITY OF LAS VEGAS  
19  
20 BY \_\_\_\_\_  
21 CAROLYN G. GOODMAN, Mayor

22 ATTEST:  
23 \_\_\_\_\_  
24 BEVERLY K. BRIDGES, MMC  
25 City Clerk

26 APPROVED AS TO FORM  
27 Val Steel 3-11-13  
28 Date