



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, Beginning in the decade of the 1970's the citizens of the United States became deeply concerned about the condition of our natural environment; and

WHEREAS, An environmental movement ensued leading to major national legislation such as the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; and

WHEREAS, Nevada responded by creating the State Environmental Commission and bestowed on the Commission authority over air and water quality, solid and hazardous waste; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is an eleven member body created to hear petitions for adoption of complex environmental regulations and to hear appeals by aggrieved parties; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Commission is both difficult and vitally important to protecting Nevada's environment, the health of its citizens, and to ensuring that the interests of stakeholders are given fair consideration; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Melvin Close has served as Chairman of the State Environmental Commission for more than 20 years, and has established a record that demonstrates integrity, steady leadership, impartiality, and a commitment to the public interest; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Close has decided to retire from the Commission, the State now recognizes the profound contribution that Mr. Close has made to all citizens of Nevada through his long, distinguished service on the Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KENNY C. GUINN, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim December 21, 2006, as a day in honor of

MELVIN D. CLOSE

Chairman of the State Environmental Commission: 1985 – 2006

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this...4th...day of...December 2006.....

By the Governor: *Kenny C. Guinn* Governor

By *Alan Heller* Secretary of State

By *Scott Anderson* Deputy

