

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF LAS VEGAS NEVADA

# Proclamation

## *75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Junior League of Las Vegas*

### ***JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LAS VEGAS DAY***

- WHEREAS,** the Junior League of Las Vegas (JLLV) is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers; and
- WHEREAS,** on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 1946, twenty-four women led by Florence Jones Cahlan established the Service League of Las Vegas; and
- WHEREAS,** on September 22, 1971, in recognition of the accomplishments of the Service League of Las Vegas, the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI) named our local group the 219<sup>th</sup> affiliated member of AJLI; and
- WHEREAS,** Thousands of Las Vegas women have been trained and have become advocates for the community and knowledgeable volunteers improving the community; and
- WHEREAS,** in the past 75 years, JLLV has raised more than 1.5 million dollars for the community through service projects, grants, monetary support, and over 1.1 million hours of community service; and
- WHEREAS,** has been instrumental in founding numerous nonprofits and advocacy projects such as Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.), Safe Haven, Literature Awareness Program for Children; and partnering with Three Square, Clean the World, and Immunize Nevada, to name a few; and
- WHEREAS,** has donated over \$750,000 to local teachers through educational grants; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1969, helped to establish the first iteration of HELP of Southern Nevada, the Voluntary Action Center, assisting hundreds of thousands of local families and individuals to overcome barriers and attain self-sufficiency; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1979, helped to form a new cultural experience called the Super Summer Theatre; sparking \$350,000 in donations, labor, and services enabling the State Park's Cultural Arts Board to build the pavilion and the concession stand at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1984, helped to obtain a bond to build the Las Vegas-Clark County Library and Discovery Children's Museum, opening its doors to the public in 1990; and in 2013, relocating to Symphony Park and continuing to provide yearly fundraising support; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1990, collaborated with the city to establish a permanent 24-hour accessible shelter designed specifically to provide safety and shelter for women and their children, which is now known as the Shade Tree; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1998, was instrumental in building and opening the Ronald McDonald House of Greater Las Vegas; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2001, preserved old Las Vegas by saving a historical-cultural resource from demolition by moving and restoring the Morelli House; previously owned by Antonio Morelli, the Sands Hotel's Orchestra Conductor, from 1954-1971 and now listed as in the National Registrar of Historic Places; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2017, donated \$200,000 to support the opening of HELP's Shannon West Homeless Youth Center, volunteering thousands of hours to provide meal preparation, financial literacy, test and college preparation, technology basics, career readiness, and self-sufficiency skills; and

**THEREFORE,** I, Carolyn Goodman, Mayor of Las Vegas, do hereby proclaim February 26, 2021, as Junior League of Las Vegas Day in honor of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the organization.

Carolyn Goodman  
Mayor