

PROCLAMATION:

*DECLARING A CRITICAL DROUGHT SITUATION AND
ENCOURAGING THE CONSERVATION OF WATER*

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas is hereby encouraging the conservation of water in all activities for the following reasons:

WHEREAS there is extreme fire danger because of the severe drought, the high winds and hot temperatures, and

WHEREAS, even though the rainy season often starts shortly before the Fourth of July: there is no guarantee that the rain will come, and the City must protect its citizens from the worst case scenarios of fire; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico has limited the ability of cities to control its ownership of water and its ability to ban the use of all fireworks, and

WHEREAS, because of the lack of rain, the National Forest Service has released a statement implementing Stage I Fire Restrictions, which also prohibits the use of Fireworks; and

WHEREAS, the drought caused fire hazard is a real problem across the Southwest and in particular in eastern Arizona and as close as Raton, New Mexico,

WHEREAS, the San Miguel County Commission has banned Fireworks within the County of San Miguel, and

THEREFORE, the City of Las Vegas strongly encourages all of its citizens and businesses to consider the use of any water products and implement conservation in their acts.

THEREFORE, and in addition, the City of Las Vegas must demonstrate extreme measures to prevent any activities that can lead to any fire related practices.

THEREFORE I, Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr., Mayor of the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico, hereby proclaim that in the interest of conservation, safety and prudent actions, conservation of water is urged upon its citizens and the use of any fireworks is strongly discouraged.


Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr., Mayor
City of Las Vegas, New Mexico