

NEVADA SCHOOL TRUST LANDS
RESOLUTION for _____ County School District Board of School Trustees

Whereas, early in our nation's history the import and support of public education was established by the granting of school trust lands in every state and the establishment of corresponding permanent school funds; and

Whereas, the monies earned from School Trust Lands were required to be put into trust funds for education; and

Whereas, the monies in the trust funds were provided by the federal government to support education in lieu of taxes; and

Whereas, Nevada's school trust fund received 2 million acres, surrounding states received 8 million acres; and

Whereas, fewer than 3,000 acres remain of the original 2 million acres that were granted; and

Whereas, an additional grant of at least 4,000,000 acres of public land from Congress to this State is required to give this State parity with similarly arid states of Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah; and

Whereas, Nevada's students have not realized the full benefit of the school trust lands; and

Whereas, revenue from the school trust lands will help improve funding for education and support a system in need of additional resources without raising taxes; and

Whereas, these additional resources will help improve the quality of education in Nevada and that will allow Nevada's students greater opportunities;

Therefore be it resolved, that the _____ County School District in collaboration with the Nevada Association of School Boards shall provide information to parents, educators, policy makers and the public about school and institutional trust lands and permanent school funds; and be it further

Resolved, that the _____ County School District in collaboration with the Nevada Association of School Boards supports management of the Nevada Public School Lands Trust that is consistent with legally recognized trust principles of sound financial management to provide maximum benefit to the children in public schools who are the beneficiaries of that trust; and be it further

Resolved, that the _____ County School District in collaboration with the Nevada Association of School Boards supports an initiative to increase school trust lands in an effort to have parity with surrounding states; and be it further

Resolved, that the _____ County School District joins the Nevada Association of School Boards in urging state and federal lawmakers to support public schools by ensuring that the historic trusts are allowed to fulfill the purpose for which they were originally created and intended.

Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2016.

Board President

Board Clerk