

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION FOR FUEL TAX INDEXING IN CLARK COUNTY

WHEREAS, as communities in Nevada grow, there will be additional traffic congestion, decreasing air quality, and the need for more road repair and maintenance, and

WHEREAS, Since 1995 Clark County's option fuel tax has stayed the same while both the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Producer Price Index (PPI) have risen significantly. In addition, federal and state fuel taxes have not been adjusted for more than 15 years and have lost 30% of their purchasing power since 2003 due to inflation, and

WHEREAS, with the advent of advanced fuel standards and with the significant increase in Hybrid vehicles which still create wear and tear on the roads but pay significantly less fuel taxes, and

WHEREAS, by indexing the Fuel Tax in Clark County there will be a significant economic development impact, including the direct employment for 2,972 people and generate \$109.9 million in direct wage and salary payments by 2015, and

WHEREAS, fuel tax indexing is not a new tax. It exists in Washoe County, but Clark County is exempted because of the population guideline that is in the NRS. The proposed legislation would change the population number so that Clark County would no longer be exempt.

WHEREAS, indexing fuel tax would help to fund projects to maintain, repair and expand existing and future streets and highways within Clark County, making travel safer and more efficient by reducing traffic congestion, and

WHEREAS, the impact to residents is relatively modest with each household's annual spending increasing by \$19 in year 1, \$38 in year 2, and \$58 in year 3. Visitors will see an increase of only \$1.00 per visitor per trip.

WHEREAS, upon passage by the Clark County Commission, bonds could be issued by Clark County creating thousands of new construction jobs. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nevada State AFL-CIO supports the implementation of the fuel tax indexing by the County Commission and will not endorse any Commissioner who votes against the implementation of the fuel tax indexing that is so badly needed to provide the resources necessary to repair our roads.

Submitted by: Laborers District Council
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