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SENATE BILL NO. 175—SENATORS HAMMOND; ATKINSON,  
CANCELA, CANNIZZARO, FORD, GANSERT, HARDY,  
HARRIS, MANENDO, PARKS, ROBERSON AND SEGERBLOM

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Designates November 12 as Asian Culture Day in  
Nevada. (BDR 19-74)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to days of observance; authorizing and requesting  
the Governor annually to proclaim November 12 to be  
“Asian Culture Day” in Nevada; and providing other  
matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law sets forth certain days of observance in this State to commemorate  
2 certain persons or occasions or to publicize information regarding certain important  
3 topics. (NRS 236.018-236.085) This bill authorizes and requests the Governor to  
4 annually proclaim November 12 to be “Asian Culture Day” in the State of Nevada.

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1 WHEREAS, November 12, 2016, was the sesquicentennial  
2 (150th) anniversary of the birth of Dr. Sun Yat-sen; and  
3 WHEREAS, Dr. Sun Yat-sen is recognized as the founding father  
4 and first president of the Republic of China; and



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1 WHEREAS, In 1942, Dr. Sun Yat-sen was depicted alongside a  
2 portrait of President Abraham Lincoln on a United States postage  
3 stamp; and

4 WHEREAS, President John F. Kennedy honored Dr. Sun Yat-sen  
5 with another United States postage stamp in 1961 to celebrate the  
6 50th anniversary of the Chinese Revolution; and

7 WHEREAS, The Asian Culture Alliance celebrated the first  
8 annual Asian Culture Day in Las Vegas, Nevada, on November 12,  
9 2015, to commemorate the 149th birthday of Dr. Sun Yat-sen; and

10 WHEREAS, The State of Nevada desires to recognize the many  
11 contributions of Asians and Asian-Americans to the prosperity and  
12 cultural diversity of the State of Nevada and the United States of  
13 America; now, therefore,

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15 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
16 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:  
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18 **Section 1.** Chapter 236 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
19 thereto a new section to read as follows:

20 *1. The Governor shall annually proclaim November 12 to be*  
21 *“Asian Culture Day” in the State of Nevada.*

22 *2. The proclamation must call upon the news media,*  
23 *educators, business and labor leaders and appropriate*  
24 *governmental officers to bring to the attention of Nevada residents*  
25 *the important contributions of Asians and Asian-Americans to the*  
26 *State of Nevada and the United States of America.*

27 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

