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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 May 18 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 May 18 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 May 18 to be “Asian Culture Day” in the State of Nevada.

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1 WHEREAS, Asians and Asian-Americans were instrumental to  
2 the settlement and early development of the State of Nevada; and  
3 WHEREAS, The culture and cultural traditions shared by Asians  
4 and Asian-Americans in this State, which consist of a diverse range



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1 of cultures and traditions from across Asia, have enriched the lives  
2 of all of the residents of this State; and

3 WHEREAS, Within the State of Nevada, Asian and Asian-  
4 American communities continue to make important contributions to  
5 the cultural, religious, political and business environment of the  
6 State; and

7 WHEREAS, There are over 17,500 businesses owned by Asians  
8 and Asian-Americans within the State, adding to the rich diversity  
9 of the cities and counties of this State; 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 May 18 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.

