



*Whereas;* Dr. Federico Zaragoza made history in 2018 as the first Hispanic President of the College of Southern Nevada (CSN), an institution of the Nevada System of Higher Education; and

*Whereas;* CSN is a Minority Serving Institution (MSI) and a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI), cementing its commitment to diversity as an overarching principle and accreditation theme that impacts every area of the institution; and

*Whereas;* CSN, with a student enrollment of approximately 50,000 students, is among the largest multi-campus higher education institutions in the United States, and the increase in graduation rates from 9.3% in 2018 to more than 16.4% in 2021 are a testament to Dr. Zaragoza's dedication to educational access; and

*Whereas;* under Dr. Zaragoza's leadership, CSN has strengthened its relationship with regional partners including Workforce Connections which now hosts American Job Centers at all CSN Student Unions, and helped the school align DWED courses with the region's needs; and

*Whereas;* under his tenure, CSN has increased its dual enrollment offerings with Clark County School District, and partnered with our very own City of Las Vegas to secure EDA funds to build a Westside Education and Training Center and one in East Las Vegas in order to communities without access to these resources; and

*Whereas;* Dr. Zaragoza's exceptional leadership led CSN to be recognized as a national "Leader College of Distinction" by Achieving the Dream in 2019, reaffirming the institution's commitment to student success and academic excellence; and

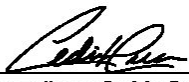



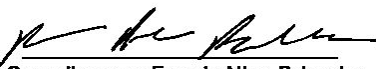
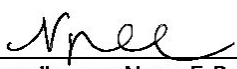
*Whereas;* his extraordinary contributions have earned him numerous prestigious awards, including the esteemed Ohtli Award, the highest honor bestowed by Mexico's Government, recognizing his tireless dedication to empowering the Mexican diaspora and fostering opportunities for new Mexican American and Latino generations; and

*Whereas;* Dr. Zaragoza's commitment to education extends beyond CSN, with influential roles on various local and national boards, including becoming the first CSN President to sit on the Workforce Connections Board; and now

*Therefore;* We, the Mayor and the Las Vegas City Council, join the Las Vegas community in celebrating Dr. Federico Zaragoza and we ask the community to join us in proudly proclaiming Wednesday, September 6, 2023, as:

## **"Dr. Federico Zaragoza Day"**

*in The City of Las Vegas, and we call all citizens to observe this day .*

 Councilman Cedric Crear	 Mayor Carolyn G. Goodman	 Councilwoman Victoria Seaman
 Councilwoman Olivia Díaz	 Councilwoman Francis Allen-Palenske	 Councilwoman Nancy E. Brune



# College of Southern Nevada

*Investing in Our Future. Students First.*



**President Dr. Federico Zaragoza**  
**College of Southern Nevada**

City of Las Vegas  
Office of the City Council  
**Certificate of Recognition**  
*College of Southern Nevada*

*The Mayor and the Las Vegas City Council acknowledge the invaluable contributions that the College of Southern Nevada has made toward advancing our community. The college's dedication to higher education, workforce initiatives, and community engagement has made life-changing impacts on the residents of our city and all of Southern Nevada. Thank you for your vital role in our community's progress and the continued development of our region.*

*September 6, 2023*

  
Councilman Cedric Crear

  
Councilwoman Olivia Díaz

  
Mayor Carolyn G. Goodman  
  
Councilman Brian Knudsen

  
Councilwoman Francis Allen-Palenske

  
Councilwoman Victoria Seaman

  
Councilwoman Nancy E. Brune

BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY GIVEN TO ME BY THE  
LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA AND BY THE  
CHARTER OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS,

I, CAROLYN G. GOODMAN,  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS,  
DO HEREBY PROCLAIM

September 6, 2023

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# Arturo Castrejon Day

IN THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS AND ASK ALL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO JOIN ME IN  
RECOGNIZING MR. ARTURO CASTREJON FOR HIS SELFLESS ACT OF HEROISM IN SAVING  
THE LIFE OF AN ELDERLY CITIZEN OF LAS VEGAS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023,  
FROM RUSHING, MONSOON FLOOD WATERS – DESPITE THE FACT THAT MR. CASTREJON  
CANNOT SWIM. ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, I EXTEND SINCERE  
GRATITUDE TO MR. CASTREJON AND THANK HIM FOR HIS BRAVERY  
AND SWIFT ACTIONS THAT SAVED A LIFE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:  
BY THE POWERS GRANTED TO ME,  
I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND  
AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE  
CITY OF LAS VEGAS TO BE AFFIXED  
THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023

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HONORABLE CAROLYN G. GOODMAN  
MAYOR, CITY OF LAS VEGAS