Nevada Association of Counties Resolution 09-07

OPPOSING THE LISTING OF GREATER SAGE GROUSE AS A THREATENED OR ENDANGERED SPECIES

WHEREAS, over the past decade there have been unprecedented grassroots conservation efforts in Nevada to protect the Greater Sage Grouse, and

WHEREAS, stakeholders representing a large cross section of Nevada interests including ranchers, environmental organizations, industry groups and government agencies have joined together to collect and process scientific data about the sage grouse, identify key conservation priorities and forge partnerships with federal land management agencies, and

WHEREAS, these efforts have produced best management practices for protecting the Greater Sage Grouse in harmony with other multiple uses, and

WHEREAS, the ongoing sage grouse management efforts of state and local governments, stakeholder groups, and BLM Resource Management Plans in Nevada are protecting and restoring sage grouse habitats and reviving sage grouse populations,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Nevada Association of Counties opposes the listing of the Greater Sage Grouse as a threatened or endangered species, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state, federal and local land management agencies continue to apply best management practices that will continue to make sage grouse populations stable and able to thrive throughout Nevada.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of November, 2009 by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Association of Counties:

Attest:

Jeffrey Fontaine Executive Director

Bonnie Weber President