

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006 - 08
TOWN OF PAHRUMP, NEVADA**

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NAMING "WALTER J. WILLIAMS HIGHWAY"

WHEREAS, Mr. Walter J. Williams came to Pahrump in 1958 when the population was approximately 500 and the valley was largely undeveloped, and he is now recognized as one of its foremost pioneers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams owned the 12,000 acre Pahrump Ranch where he cultivated cotton and alfalfa until 1970; and during his years of ownership, Mr. Williams was considered by many to have been instrumental in the development of Pahrump; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams negotiated with Arizona Cotton Seed Products to construct the Nevada Cotton Ginning facility in 1959 on 40 acres of land which he donated for that purpose, it being the first and only cotton gin in the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams also donated a five acre parcel of land for the construction of the Valley Electric substation; and he also worked with Southwestern Bell Telephone so that Pahrump residents became connected with the outside world; and

WHEREAS, as Pahrump's population steadily increased, Mr. Williams saw the need for a community center and donated a five acre parcel at the corner of Highway 160 and Basin Road, the current site of the Bob Ruud Community Center; and a metal shop building located on Pahrump Ranch was the original site of the Pahrump Harvest Festival in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Pahrump Ranch personnel constructed an airstrip that ran parallel to Highway 160 near Highway 372 and maintained it as such for several years providing enhanced public transportation into and out of Pahrump; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams' many contributions to Pahrump are detailed in Bob McCracken's books A History of Pahrump, and Pahrump, a Valley Waiting to Become a City, including a separate volume that contains Mr. Williams' personal history; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: the Town Board of Pahrump urges the Nevada Department of Transportation to rename Highway 160 between south Nye County boundary line and the intersection of Leslie Street and SR 160 as "Walter J. Williams Highway".

Approved and adopted this 14th day of March, 2006

Motion proposed by Town Board Member: Ed Bishop

Motion seconded by Town Board Member: Richard Billman

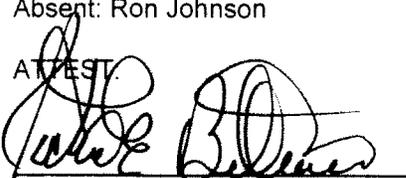
VOTE: 4-0

YES:

NAYS: 0

Absent: Ron Johnson

ATTEST:


Town Board Chairperson