

Senate Joint Resolution No. 10—Senators Ohrenschall,
Donate, Lange, Denis; Hansen and Scheible

Joint Sponsors: Assemblywomen Carlton; and Martinez

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging Congress to protect the public lands including and adjacent to Sunrise Mountain, Frenchman Mountain and Rainbow Gardens.

WHEREAS, The public lands including and adjacent to Sunrise Mountain, Frenchman Mountain and Rainbow Gardens are undeveloped natural treasures located near the Las Vegas Valley; and

WHEREAS, These public lands contain colorful mountain ranges rising up from the desert lowlands; and

WHEREAS, Gypsum Cave, which holds some of the earliest evidence of human inhabitation in the western United States and is significant to Indian tribes, is located on these public lands; and

WHEREAS, These public lands contain evidence of the Great Unconformity, which consists of exposed surface rock that represents more than one quarter of the history (1.2 billion years) of the Earth's crust and tectonic plates; and

WHEREAS, Several plant species that have received special status designation by the Bureau of Land Management are found on these public lands; and

WHEREAS, Many Nevada residents enjoy the natural desert landscape and the outdoor recreational opportunities of Sunrise Mountain, Frenchman Mountain and Rainbow Gardens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge Congress to protect the public lands including and adjacent to Sunrise Mountain, Frenchman Mountain and Rainbow Gardens by designating them for federal protection, which may include, without limitation, designating all or portions of the area as a national conservation area, national recreation area or national monument, or applying other federal protections that Congress deems appropriate for these important and scenic lands; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the



House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

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