

**RESOLUTION
OF THE BRETHREN OF NEVADA LODGE NO. 4, A.F. & A.M. OF COLORADO**

To: M.W. John J. Harrington, Grand Master
Officers of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, A.F. & A.M.
Members of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, A.F. & A.M.

Whereas, The discovery of Gold in Gregory Gulch in May 1859 led to the Gold Rush; and

Whereas, The site for the first Masonic Lodge Building in Colorado (then Kansas Territory) was preempted on June 12, 1859 and a log building was completed and about June 20, 1859 an informal, though tiled, meeting of Masons was held; and

Whereas, The successor to that informal meeting became Chivington Lodge No. 6 (now Central No. 6) chartered on December 19, 1861; and

Whereas, In 1929 the Grand Lodge of Colorado appointed a committee to investigate a proposal for a Monument on the site; and

Whereas, The title to the site (approximately 65' x 40') was quieted by the Grand Lodge of Colorado in 1932 at a cost of \$162.00; and

Whereas, The site was improved in October 1932. The stone walls surrounding it were built by W.B. John Stroehle of Black Hawk at a cost of \$724.26 including four cap stones, and the two granite stones composing the monument, weighing more than eleven tons, were donated by Brother Joseph Cottingham, PM, of Georgetown Lodge No. 12; and

Whereas, On June 17, 1933 the Grand Lodge dedicated and unveiled the Monument, and

Whereas, W.B. Stroehle commented at the Grand Lodge session on September 20, 1933, in part: "This monument as completed is a credit to this Grand Lodge and a fitting memorial to those pioneers who built the first Masonic building in Colorado and who were the forerunners of the Lodge in this State today"; and

Whereas, The monument, yea, a memorial, has endured since; and

Whereas, Central Lodge No. 6 has met in its lodge building since 1864, and which contains the irreplaceable murals by Bros. John Glendenin and George Brewer; and

Whereas, Nevada Lodge No. 4 in the Ghost Town of Nevadaville meets in the second oldest Masonic lodge building which has been undergoing restoration since 1965; and

Whereas, In 2007 the Grand Lodge has been approached about selling the site and relocating the monument in some manner either in conjunction with the redevelopment of the site as a casino and/or hotel or elsewhere; and

Whereas, Colorado Freemasonry, as evidenced by the questions put forth in a "Report of Committee of Investigation on Petition for Degrees of Masonry", does not countenance or condone gambling or the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors; and

Whereas, Nevada Lodge No. 4 in its regular stated meeting on May 26, 2007 has considered the question of the disposition of the site and the monument;

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, That the Brethren of Nevada Lodge No. 4 oppose the sale of the site and the relocation of the monument; but if it must be, then

Resolved, That the location of the monument should not give the public the appearance of condoning or countenancing gambling or the consumption of alcohol; and

Resolved, That the monument remain in open view to the public and not be placed inside of nor adjacent to any casino or hotel or other commercial usage involving gambling and/or sale of alcohol; and that if the monument must be relocated, then

Resolved, That the monument be located in a neutral environment between Central City and Blackhawk, along the road(s) between the towns, and visible and accessible by the public, such as part of the Gregory Monument in Black Hawk, or at the junction of Gregory St. and Lawrence St. in Central City; and

Resolved, That the net proceeds from the sale of the monument site be used in the preservation of the Central Lodge No. 6 Masonic building in Central City and in the restoration of the Nevada Lodge No. 4 Masonic building in Nevadaville.

Adopted: May 26, 2007

Charles R. Travis, Worshipful Master
Nevada Lodge No. 4, A.F & A.M.

Attest:

Ashley S. Buss, PM, Secretary