

WHEREAS; Walter K. Bracken Elementary School is located at 1200 N. 27th Street, in

Ward 3, and is named after one of Las Vegas' most prominent citizens;

and

WHEREAS; Katie Decker, is a 14-year principal in the Clark County School District,

and runs Walter K. Bracken STEAM Academy, a 521-student five-star school, the highest level under Nevada's school accountability rating

system; and

WHEREAS; Katie has been so successful that she is also the principal for Walter V.

Long Elementary School; and

WHEREAS; Katie strives to increase student achievement and build capacity by

providing mentoring and guidance to administrators and to their school

teams; and

WHEREAS; Katie is involved in many influential projects in the Clark County School

District and the community. Katie's ability to foster collaborations with multiple community partners has proven to positively impact students'

academic success; and

WHEREAS; Katie has mentored numerous administrators and shared her leadership

experiences and has presented innovative programs nationally for the

past nine years; and

WHEREAS; Katie is a leader who has united the school, the parents and the

community, and has created an environment which captures the true

meaning of "engagement;" and

WHEREAS; Katie currently serves on the City of Las Vegas' Innovations in Education

Committee and we are fortunate to have her expertise and influence in Our community as we move towards ensuring educational excellence

for all students; and

THEREFORE: The Mayor and members of the Las Vegas City Council do hereby

recognize Katie Decker's commitment to excellence and recognize her community service to Las Vegas by proclaiming Wednesday, April 15,

2015 as

KATIE DECKER DAY

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