

Resolution of Accomplishment

WHEREAS, the Gathering Geniuses, Inc. celebrates the kickoff of 2009 as Nevada's Year of Science and Math and the selection of Reno as the host for the prestigious Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, May 10-16, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Gathering Genius, Inc., was founded in 2006 to increase student interest, excellence, competitiveness, and participation in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields in the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Gathering Geniuses Inc. president, Steve Wells, members of the Board and Advisory Committee, 2009 Intel Fair director, Don Bailey and the many fair sponsors have made a commitment to motivate our students to study and enter science, technology, engineering and mathematics careers; upgrade 9-12 grade mathematics and science teaching; and build public support for making improvement in science, technology, engineering and mathematics performance a state and national priority; and

WHEREAS, the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair is the world's only science, math and engineering project competition for students working at a high school level; and

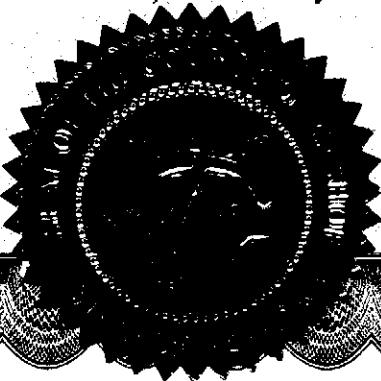
WHEREAS, annually, the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair brings together an estimated 1,500 young scientists from approximately 50 countries to share and reward their independent research, showcase cutting-edge science, and compete for nearly \$4 million in awards and scholarships; and

WHEREAS, the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair will generate over \$6 million in revenue for Northern Nevada's economy; and

WHEREAS, the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair supports Washoe County's strategic priorities: Develop our Workforce and Support a Healthy Economy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Washoe County recognizes the significance of a science and math education and congratulates Gathering Geniuses, Inc. and its community partners on their efforts to improve the quality of life for our future generation.

DATED, This 18th day of November, 2008




Robert M. Larkin, Chairman
Washoe County Commission