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University of Nevada, Las Vegas-Department of Intercollegiate Athletics
Statement of Resolution to play UNLV/UNR game on Nevada Day Week-end

I apologize for not being able to attend today but previous obligations make it impossible for me to address you in person. However, I would like to express our position presently as it relates to the existing football contract between the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and the University of Nevada, Reno, as well as, our commitment to the Mountain West Conference as it relates football and television.

First and foremost, institutions with conference affiliations have a priority to accommodate conference schedules. The Mountain West Conference signed a \$49 million, seven-year contract with ABC/ESPN. As a member of the conference, UNLV has to work with the conference to ascertain that all components of the television contract are fulfilled. As a result, conference guidelines for non-conference scheduling require institutions to complete all non-conference scheduling by the last week of September unless there is an existing agreement.

Presently, UNLV and UNR have a signed agreement to play annual football games the first Saturday in October through 2009. Therefore, pursuant to the Mountain West Conference requirement as it relates to conference scheduling and the existing contract between UNLV and UNR Football, UNLV at this time, can not make any changes or revisions to the existing football schedule.

UNLV is committed to the Mountain West Conference and its scheduling priority for both Football & Basketball. We must be sensitive to the television contract.

In the future, the proposed resolution may be feasible if there is a change to the existing agreement. At this point and time it would be difficult for both institutions to play the game on Nevada day.

In closing, UNLV is appreciative of the rivalry with UNR and we are excited about continuing our relationship for years to come.

Thank you for your time and understanding in this matter.

John Robinson
UNLV Intercollegiate Athletic Director/Head Football Coach