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TO: Friends of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

FROM: Nevada Archaeological Association and State Historic Preservation Office

SUBJECT: Archaeological Awareness and Historic Preservation Month, May 2012– The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Homestead Act.

Now is the time to plan activities and events for this year's Archaeological Awareness and Historic Preservation Month. If you've never sponsored an event, consider doing so to show your family, your friends and your community why historic buildings and archaeological sites should be preserved to maintain a sense of community and place. Celebrating archaeology and historic preservation one month a year gives us a chance to capture the public's attention and educate them of the need to preserve our collective heritage. If you have events that fall just outside the dates for the month, please include them anyway – I'll place them in the brochure.

The Nevada Archaeological Association (NAA) and the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office are funding the production of a poster and a brochure featuring a calendar of events to publicize the month of activities that recognize and involve the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Homestead Acts in archaeology and historic preservation. After the month ends, I will be polling organizers to find out the approximate numbers of people in attendance at events. These numbers could help the SHPO find additional support for the programs offered. **Please track the numbers of participants.**

If you need assistance in planning or publicizing an event, or need posters or brochures, please call Sali Underwood at (702) 486-5011. If you know what you or your organization would like to do, please take a few minutes to fill out and return the attachment. And if you know of other groups in your community planning events, please try to coordinate events so as not to result in conflicts. The information you provide us will appear in the brochure to be distributed throughout the state and will be publicized in press releases and on the SHPO and NAA web site. Send your completed form to Sali Underwood, State Historic Preservation Office c/o the Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas, 309 S. Valley View Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89107, fax to 702-486-5172, or e-mail to [sunderwood@shpo.nv.gov](mailto:sunderwood@shpo.nv.gov) no later than **February 14, 2012**