

Office of The Mayor  
City of Reno, Nevada

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** John Sanchez was born in 1924 to Mexican parents who came to the United States to work in the mines of Nevada; and

**WHEREAS,** John lost his mother early in life and after spending a short time in an orphanage he went to Ruth, Nevada, to work in the copper mines, while taking care of his younger sister and brother; and

**WHEREAS,** during World War II, he enlisted in the Army to serve his country, and even though he was nearly blind in one eye, he used his persuasive powers to convince a key person to list him as having 20/20 vision, so he could become a paratrooper; and

**WHEREAS,** a few months later, he was part of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne landing in Europe, where he drove into combat against the Germans at the Battle of the Bulge, bravely earning many medals and military distinctions along the way; and

**WHEREAS,** after the war, John attended the University of Nevada, obtaining a degree in accounting. But he wanted to be an attorney, so he and his young wife, Eleanor Gomez, moved to Utah to attend Law School and when he was admitted to the Nevada Bar, they made Reno their home, so he could practice law; and

**WHEREAS,** to honor his cultural heritage, John replaced the conventional dark suits and white shirts worn by every other lawyer in the state with clothes of vibrant colors; and

**WHEREAS,** according to his friend and fellow attorney, John Squire Drendel, "It wasn't the bright clothes that made him memorable in a courtroom, it was his legal skills, his preparation, his professionalism and his integrity that made the color of his clothes nothing more than another uniqueness in the life of an incredible man".

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Robert A. Cashell, Sr., Mayor of the City of Reno, Nevada, do hereby proclaim

## Saturday, July 18, 2009, as **JOHN SANCHEZ DAY**

In and for the City of Reno, Nevada, and encourage all citizens to give recognition and appreciation to John Sanchez for the fine life he has led and his unfailing loyalty, generosity and devotion to his family, friends, community, state, and country.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Reno, Nevada, to be affixed this ninth day of July 2009.

  
Robert A. Cashell, Sr., Mayor  
City of Reno



ATTEST: Lynnette Jones, Clerk  
City of Reno