

Nevada updating historical markers before centennial celebration

The Nevada Historical Marker Program is taking on a new look with the adoption of updated texts for the roughly 260 signs that interpret the history of the state. Amended texts have been placed online and the actual markers in the field will be changed as funding allows.

The Nevada Historical Marker Program began as part of the celebration of the Nevada Centennial in 1964. The Nevada State Historic Preservation Office manages the markers, but most funding for the program was eliminated during the recent economic downturn.

In anticipation of the celebration for Nevada's 150th birthday in 2014, the Historic Preservation Office has completed a review of all marker texts.

Most markers date to the 1960s and 1970s.

The Historic Preservation Office said that nearly 80 markers are in need of replacement. Each plate costs approximately \$1,000, meaning that about \$80,000 will be needed to replace the markers that need updated language. The Nevada Department of Transportation provides support to maintain existing markers, but there is no means to change marker texts or to install new markers.

In order to present the best possible information to Nevada's residents and tourists, the Nevada Foundation for Cultural Affairs is accepting donations from individuals and businesses wishing to donate money for the updated markers.

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