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THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

The Great Seal of the State of Nevada

The Nevada Constitution states that "There shall be a Seal of the State, which shall be kept by the Governor and used by him Officially, and shall be called 'The Great Seal of the State of Nevada'." Although the Constitution says that the Governor keeps the seal, in fact, the Secretary of State serves as the custodian on behalf of the Governor and uses it on a daily basis to affix its impression on state documents.

The seal, officially adopted by the 1866 Legislature, is a composite of several nineteenth-century Nevada scenes. In the background are snowclad mountains with a rising sun behind them. The building at the right is a quartz mill in which silver ore was crushed. In the mountain in the left middleground is the entrance to a tunnel into a silver mine. A miner is shown pushing a carload of ore to

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the wagon and team to be pulled to the mill. In the middle is a railroad steam engine, tender and car on a bridge over a mountain gorge. Paralleling the railroad is a telegraph line. Finally, a plow, a sheaf and a sickle in the foreground symbolize the state's agricultural resources. Thirty-six stars, because Nevada was the thirty-sixth state, encircle the pictorial section of the seal. The state motto, "All For Our Country," is at the bottom of the circle. The outer circle contains the words, "The Great Seal of the State of Nevada."

The officers, members and staff of the Nevada Legislature hope that this story of our great seal will serve as a lasting reminder of your visit to the capital of Nevada and to its legislative chambers.

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