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The Nevada Commission on Ethics has approved a Stipulated Agreement with Brig Lawson, former Director of Business Partnerships of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA), finding a willful violation of the Nevada Ethics in Government Law for the misuse of government assets for a personal purpose.

Pursuant to the terms of the Stipulated Agreement, Lawson agrees to pay a \$13,881.36 sanction for the improper acquisition and use of Southwest Airline Gift Cards belonging to the LVCVA for personal use.

The Commission views the misuse of government assets for a personal purpose as a significant violation of the public trust and has consistently imposed the maximum monetary penalties for such misconduct, including a maximum \$5,000 sanction for the violation, plus twice the amount of any financial benefit realized from the misconduct. In this case, Lawson agrees to pay the \$5,000 sanction plus twice the amount of gift cards he used for personal purposes in the amount of \$8,881.36.

The Commission hopes the severity of these sanctions will highlight the importance of the Ethics Law applicable to all public officers and employees and reflect the Commission's commitment to the public to hold all public officers and employees accountable for conflicts between public duties and private interests.

Chair Kim Wallin and Executive Director Yvonne Nevarez-Goodson encourage members of the public, including fellow public officers and employees, who may witness similar misconduct to file ethics complaints with the Commission for proper investigation and resolution.

For more information on this stipulation and the role of the Commission, visit the Commission's website at ethics.nv.gov.

MISSION STATEMENT: The Nevada Commission on Ethics strives to enhance the public's faith and confidence in government by ensuring that public officers and public employees uphold the public trust by committing themselves to avoid conflicts between their private interests and their public duties.