

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2—ASSEMBLYMEN CEGAVSKE, TIFFANY, GIUNCHIGLIANI, CHOWNING, DE BRAGA, ANDERSON, ANGLE, ARBERRY, BACHE, BEERS, BERMAN, BROWER, BROWN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CLABORN, COLLINS, DINI, FREEMAN, GIBBONS, GOLDWATER, GUSTAVSON, HETTRICK, HUMKE, KOIVISTO, LEE, LESLIE, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, NEIGHBORS, NOLAN, OCEGUERA, PARKS, PARNELL, PERKINS, PRICE, SMITH, VON TOBEL AND WILLIAMS

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS TITUS, RAWSON, WIENER, PORTER, WASHINGTON, AMODEI, CARE, CARLTON, COFFIN, JACOBSEN, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NEAL, O'CONNELL, O'DONNELL, RAGGIO, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, SHAFFER AND TOWNSEND

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Urges support for Women's Health Care Platform: Campaign 2000.
(BDR R-314)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Urging support for the Women's Health Care Platform: Campaign 2000 initiated by the Women in Government Task Force.

- 1 WHEREAS, Women in Government, a national, bipartisan, nonprofit,
- 2 educational association of elected and appointed women in state
- 3 government, introduced the Women's Health Care Platform: Campaign
- 4 2000 in Washington, D.C., on May 17, 2000, to serve as a call to action by
- 5 policymakers nationwide to lead the way to equality in women's health
- 6 care; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The Women's Health Care Platform is an initiative that
- 8 highlights the inequalities in health care provided to men and women and
- 9 outlines goals to eliminate those disparities by focusing on care, research
- 10 and education that are relevant for women; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Women are different, metabolically, hormonally and
- 12 physiologically from men and have different patterns of health and disease,
- 13 with some diseases being more common in women than in men; and



1 WHEREAS, More than one in five women have some form of
2 cardiovascular disease, and it is estimated that over half of all
3 postmenopausal women will develop a spontaneous fracture as a result of
4 osteoporosis; and

5 WHEREAS, Women are three times more likely to develop rheumatoid
6 arthritis and two to three times more likely to suffer from depression; and

7 WHEREAS, Women are less often referred for diagnostic tests and less
8 often treated for heart disease than men with the same disease; and

9 WHEREAS, Women who smoke are 20 to 70 percent more likely to
10 develop lung cancer, and, during unprotected sex, women are 10 times
11 more likely than men to be infected with the human immunodeficiency
12 virus; and

13 WHEREAS, Women outnumber men three to one in long-term care
14 facilities; and

15 WHEREAS, Most men and women agree that women are entitled to have
16 quality medical treatment and to have access to the latest technologies and
17 appropriate diagnostic tests; and

18 WHEREAS, Even though the National Institutes of Health and the Food
19 and Drug Administration were required to include women in clinical trials
20 10 years ago, women remain under-represented in health studies; and

21 WHEREAS, While there has been some national attention on women's
22 health care issues and some legislative activity by the Congress of the
23 United States on appropriate access, there remains little change in the
24 vitally important issues of preventive care and treatment; and

25 WHEREAS, An increase in state support for women's health can make a
26 significant difference in improving the status of women's health; now,
27 therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE
29 CONCURRING, That every state agency and institution of learning or
30 recipient of state grants or funding in the State of Nevada is urged to take
31 appropriate action to achieve improved and equal access for women to
32 quality health care, including, without limitation, measures to:

33 1. Provide equal access for women to quality health care, including
34 state-of-the-art medical advances and technology;

35 2. Increase the number of women covered by comprehensive health
36 care insurance, including primary and preventive health care;

37 3. Promote strategies to prevent serious health problems by increasing
38 patient access to recommended diagnostic and screening tests, preventive
39 health regimens and recommended treatments;

40 4. Encourage unimpeded access to women's specialty health providers
41 and improve communications between providers and patients;

42 5. Create and promote partnerships to develop programs designed to
43 improve the scope and quality of women's health care;

44 6. Continue to expand participation of women in clinical trials;

45 7. Increase government and private research on women's health issues
46 with special attention to the differences between men and women and how
47 those differences affect quality health care;



1 8. Conduct more research on the outcomes of health care interventions
2 and preventive measures to demonstrate the long-term and short-term value
3 to women's health;

4 9. Expand medical and nursing school curricula in the area of women's
5 health with increased emphasis on gender biology;

6 10. Support public education campaigns to increase women's
7 awareness about their unique health risks and to help them learn how to
8 negotiate the complexities of today's health care system and obtain the best
9 care available;

10 11. Conduct public health campaigns to focus on key preventive health
11 issues for women and expand screening programs targeted at lower-income
12 women to include a full range of known risk factors;

13 12. Urge the establishment of permanent offices of women's health
14 within the State of Nevada to raise awareness of women's special health
15 care needs and advocate initiatives to address them; and

16 13. Foster development and dissemination of publicly available
17 information on the quality of health care and health outcomes that improve
18 women's ability to choose the best women's health care plan; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That the organization Women in Government be
21 commended for its leadership in calling for action on these urgent issues
22 concerning women's health in the State of Nevada and throughout the
23 United States and for outlining meaningful steps that can be taken to attain
24 improved and equal access for women to quality health care, technologies
25 and treatments, to promote the education of researchers concerning gender
26 differences and to gain unimpeded access to women's health providers; and
27 be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit
29 a copy of this resolution to the State Board of Health, the Director of the
30 Department of Human Resources, the State Health Officer, the Board of
31 Medical Examiners, the State Board of Nursing, the Board of Regents of
32 the University of Nevada, the University of Nevada School of Medicine
33 and Joy Newton, the Executive Director of Women in Government.

