

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28—ASSEMBLYMEN NOLAN, ANDERSON, ANGLE, ARBERRY, BACHE, BEERS, BERMAN, BROWER, BROWN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CEGAVSKE, CHOWNING, CLABORN, COLLINS, DE BRAGA, DINI, FREEMAN, GIBBONS, GIUNCHIGLIANI, GOLDWATER, GUSTAVSON, HETTRICK, HUMKE, KOIVISTO, LEE, LESLIE, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, NEIGHBORS, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PARNELL, PERKINS, PRICE, SMITH, TIFFANY, VON TOBEL AND WILLIAMS

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Recognizes American Heart Association and commends its community outreach program Operation Heartbeat. (BDR R-1531)

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

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- 1 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association was established in 1924 by
- 2 six cardiologists and is currently one of the world's leading health
- 3 organizations whose volunteers and supporters number more than 22
- 4 million people nationwide; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association spent approximately \$337
- 6 million during fiscal year 1999-2000 on research support, public and
- 7 professional education, and community programs; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association has given more than \$1.8
- 9 billion to heart and blood vessel research in the past 50 years; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Advances in cardiovascular and stroke research have
- 11 improved the quality of life for millions of American men and women who
- 12 have survived cardiovascular disease or stroke; and



1 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease is the number one killer of men and  
2 women in our nation; and

3 WHEREAS, Over 1.5 million people suffer a heart attack each year as a  
4 result of cardiovascular disease; 480,000 Americans die each year as a  
5 result of complications from a heart attack; and 264,000 people die each  
6 year from sudden cardiac arrest; and

7 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association formed the American  
8 Stroke Association in 1997, recognizing that stroke is the number three  
9 cause of death for American men and women, striking over 600,000  
10 Americans each year; and

11 WHEREAS, The majority of Americans are not aware of the risk factors  
12 or the warning signs of heart attack or stroke; and

13 WHEREAS, Operation Heartbeat is a community-based program  
14 designed to decrease the number of deaths resulting from heart attack and  
15 sudden cardiac arrest by strengthening the Chain of Survival which is  
16 composed of four "links" which represent the sequence of events necessary  
17 to survive these health emergencies; and

18 WHEREAS, The four "links" of the Chain of Survival are: Early Access,  
19 which requires recognition of the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and  
20 placement of a 911 call; Early CPR, which is more likely to occur as more  
21 people are trained in administering this life-saving procedure; Early  
22 Defibrillation, which requires access to and training in the use of  
23 automated external defibrillators; and Early Advanced Care by medical  
24 professionals to stabilize the victim of a heart attack or cardiac arrest; and

25 WHEREAS, The national survival rate from sudden cardiac death is only  
26 2 to 5 percent but cities with a strong Chain of Survival have survival rates  
27 as high as 20 to 30 percent, and an estimated 50,000 lives could be saved  
28 each year if that same survival rate was nationwide; and

29 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association has established an  
30 aggressive goal to decrease coronary heart disease, stroke and associated  
31 risk by 25 percent before the year 2010; and

32 WHEREAS, A step toward this goal took place in Nevada on April 30,  
33 2001, when the American Heart Association hosted a Legislative CPR  
34 Training Day to train legislators, constitutional officers and staff who can  
35 now contribute to the Chain of Survival by sharing their knowledge and  
36 experience with the general public; now, therefore, be it

37 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE  
38 CONCURRING, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada recognizes and  
39 commends the American Heart Association and applauds its community  
40 outreach program Operation Heartbeat.

