

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, Oceguela, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Perkins, Price, Smith, Tiffany, Von Tobel and Williams

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Recognizing the American Heart Association and commending its community outreach program Operation Heartbeat.

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association was established in 1924 by six cardiologists and is currently one of the world's leading health organizations whose volunteers and supporters number more than 22 million people nationwide; and

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association spent approximately \$337 million during fiscal year 1999-2000 on research support, public and professional education, and community programs; and

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association has given more than \$1.8 billion to heart and blood vessel research in the past 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Advances in cardiovascular and stroke research have improved the quality of life for millions of American men and women who have survived cardiovascular disease or stroke; and

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The four "links" of the Chain of Survival are: Early Access, which requires recognition of the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and placement of a 911 call; Early CPR, which is more likely to occur as more people are trained in administering this life-saving procedure; Early Defibrillation, which requires access to and training in the use of

automated external defibrillators; and Early Advanced Care by medical professionals to stabilize the victim of a heart attack or cardiac arrest; and

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

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

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

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