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**Whereas** the principles of the Nevada Women's Lobby promote non-violence in all aspects of personal, economic and organizational relationships and recognize that the lives of all people are inherently valuable and worthy of respect and dignity; and

**Whereas** the Nevada Women's Lobby actively works against barriers of race, class, age, gender, religion, physical ability and sexual orientation, and the work of the organization is to address inequities in Nevada's laws, policies and practices and to challenge the injustice that results from those inequities; and

**Whereas** there are demonstrated flaws in Nevada regarding the fairness and accuracy of the death penalty, including grave risks surrounding the execution of innocent individuals, youth, mentally challenged individuals, racial and ethnic minorities and people from economically disadvantaged backgrounds; and

**Whereas** the Nevada Legislative Commission appointed a subcommittee to study Nevada's death penalty during 2001-2002, and that subcommittee has proposed a number of reforms to address some of the worst injustices in Nevada's capital punishment system,

**Therefore, be it RESOLVED** that the Nevada Women's Lobby endorses the recommendations of the Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study the Death Penalty and Related DNA Testing and encourages NWL members and friends to lobby their legislators to pass the recommended reforms.

For more specific information about those recommendations, please see the excellent article by *Dr. Berkheiser* at [www.nevadawomenslobby.org](http://www.nevadawomenslobby.org).