

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16—ASSEMBLYMEN
CONKLIN, ALLEN, ANDERSON, ANGLE, ARBERRY JR.,
ATKINSON, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CHRISTENSEN,
CLABORN, DENIS, GANSERT, GERHARDT, GIUNCHIGLIANI,
GOICOECHEA, GRADY, HARDY, HETTRICK, HOGAN,
HOLCOMB, HORNE, KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO, LESLIE,
MABEY, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MCCLEARY,
MORTENSON, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL,
PARKS, PARNELL, PERKINS, PIERCE, SEALE, SHERER,
SIBLEY, SMITH AND WEBER

APRIL 12, 2005

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS HECK, AMODEI, BEERS, CARE,
CARLTON, CEGAVSKE, COFFIN, HARDY, HORSFORD, LEE,
MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NOLAN, RAGGIO, RHOADS,
SCHNEIDER, TIFFANY, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON
AND WIENER

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Designates April 12, 2005, as Homeless Youth
Awareness Day in Nevada. (BDR R-1160)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Designating
April 12, 2005, as Homeless Youth Awareness Day in
Nevada.

1 WHEREAS, Thousands of children in this State are reported as
2 runaways each year and often join the homeless population on the
3 streets; and

4 WHEREAS, Many of these runaway children prefer to chance the
5 dangers of life on the street to remaining in their homes where they
6 often experience abuse, violence and other dysfunction; and

7 WHEREAS, Although the “Right to Shelter Law,” which
8 provided for separate shelters for certain runaway children was
9 passed by the Nevada Legislature in 2001, there are no long-term



1 residential facilities which allow children to seek assistance on a
2 voluntary basis in this State; and

3 WHEREAS, There is a lack of available statistics concerning the
4 number of homeless children that reside in this State and their need
5 for such long-term residential facilities and other services; and

6 WHEREAS, Children who are homeless are unable to support
7 themselves financially, causing them to become desperate, hungry
8 and vulnerable; and

9 WHEREAS, Homeless children often become sexually active, are
10 at risk of becoming pregnant, engaging in prostitution and
11 contracting sexually transmitted diseases, suffer from poor nutrition
12 and dehydration, become suicidal and suffer various other harms
13 which affect their overall health, well-being and ability to become
14 productive members of society; and

15 WHEREAS, To properly address the needs of this often forgotten
16 population, it is important to raise public awareness of the serious
17 issues concerning homeless children in this State and to encourage
18 public support for programs designed to assist those children; and

19 WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature recognize
20 the outstanding efforts of the state and local governmental agencies
21 and nonprofit entities dedicated to fighting the problem of homeless
22 children in the State of Nevada; now, therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
24 SENATE CONCURRING, That April 12, 2005, is hereby designated as
25 Homeless Youth Awareness Day in Nevada; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the members of the 73rd Session of the Nevada
27 Legislature hereby express their commitment to creating a greater
28 public awareness of the problem of homelessness of children in
29 Nevada and to continue to work cooperatively to solve this problem;
30 and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
32 transmit a copy of this resolution to Michael Hillerby, Chief of Staff
33 to Governor Kenny C. Guinn and to the Board of Directors of the
34 Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth.

