

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29—SENATORS WIENER, AMODEI, BEERS, CARE, CARLTON, CEGAVSKE, COFFIN, HARDY, HECK, HORSFORD, LEE, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NOLAN, RAGGIO, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, TIFFANY, TITUS, TOWNSEND AND WASHINGTON

MAY 4, 2005

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN LESLIE, ALLEN, ANDERSON, ANGLE, ARBERRY JR., ATKINSON, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CHRISTENSEN, CLABORN, CONKLIN, DENIS, GANSERT, GERHARDT, GIUNCHIGLIANI, GOICOECHEA, GRADY, HARDY, HETTRICK, HOGAN, HOLCOMB, HORNE, KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO, MABEY, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MCCLEARY, MORTENSON, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PARNELL, PERKINS, PIERCE, SEALE, SHERER, SIBLEY, SMITH AND WEBER

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Acknowledges planning group established by Health Division of Department of Human Resources and Department of Education for collaborative commitment to design statewide policy to prevent obesity in Nevada. (BDR R-70)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Acknowledging the planning group established by the Health Division of the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Education for its collaborative commitment to design a statewide policy to prevent obesity in Nevada.

- 1 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and
- 2 Prevention and the Nevada State Health Division, nearly 40 percent
- 3 of adults in Nevada are overweight and nearly 22 percent of
- 4 Nevada's adults are obese, and since 1992, obesity in Nevada has
- 5 increased 73 percent; and



1 WHEREAS, According to the United States Surgeon General,
2 childhood obesity is responsible for 50 percent of new cases of
3 pediatric diabetes, sleep apnea and asthma, and overweight
4 adolescents have a 70 percent chance of becoming overweight or
5 obese adults; and

6 WHEREAS, Health risks associated with obesity include
7 cardiovascular disease, hypertension, diabetes, stroke, arthritis,
8 gallbladder disease and certain cancers; and

9 WHEREAS, Obesity has an enormous impact on health care costs
10 and businesses in this country; and

11 WHEREAS, In recognition of the direct and indirect costs to the
12 State of Nevada from overweight, obese and unhealthy residents of
13 the State, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13 of the 2003
14 Legislative Session directed the Legislative Committee on Health
15 Care to appoint a subcommittee to study the medical and societal
16 costs and impacts of obesity in Nevada; and

17 WHEREAS, In response to this legislative study, the Health
18 Division of the Department of Human Resources and the
19 Department of Education established a planning group to network
20 with groups and organizations interested in preventing obesity, with
21 the goal of coordinating their efforts and receiving input about ways
22 to prevent obesity in Nevada; and

23 WHEREAS, The Health Division leveraged existing federal
24 funding for chronic disease prevention to subgrant to the Nevada
25 Public Health Foundation for the facilitation of meetings throughout
26 the State; and

27 WHEREAS, The meetings held in Carson City, Las Vegas, Reno
28 and Winnemucca yielded valuable information that will be
29 consolidated and published by the Health Division as the State
30 Obesity Plan; and

31 WHEREAS, Participants at these meetings included
32 representatives from the Bureau of Community Health and
33 the Bureau of Family Health Services of the Health Division, the
34 Welfare Division of the Department of Human Resources, the
35 Nevada Public Health Foundation, the Great Basin Primary Care
36 Association, the University of Nevada School of Medicine and
37 Schools of Public Health and the nutrition programs of the
38 University, the Cooperative Extension of the University of Nevada,
39 the Golden Health Medical Center in Elko, the Reno-Sparks Indian
40 Colony Health and Human Services Clinic, Washoe County Senior
41 Services, the Washoe County District Health Department, the
42 YMCA of the Sierra, the High Sierra Area Health Education Center,
43 the Southern Nevada Area Health Education Center, the Food Bank
44 of Northern Nevada, the American Heart Association of Nevada,
45 Special Recreation Services, Inc., The Children's Cabinet, Inc.,



1 Project MANA (Making Adequate Nutrition Accessible), the school
2 districts of Clark County, Nye County, Pershing County and
3 Washoe County, the Nevada PTA, the Teachers Health Trust, the
4 Dairy Council of Utah/Nevada, the Clark County Health District,
5 Sierra Health Services, Inc., Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center,
6 the Moapa Paiute Band, the Carson City Recreation Department,
7 Carson-Tahoe Hospital, the Ron Wood Family Resource Center,
8 Nevada Hispanic Services of Carson City, Health Smart of Carson
9 City, Friends in Service Helping of Carson City and the Carson City
10 Public Health Department; and

11 WHEREAS, The priority goals identified at these meetings
12 include preventing obesity among children, creating and improving
13 community environments to make physical activities available and
14 more conducive for use by youth and adults, promoting workplace
15 wellness, sharing information and resources relating to the
16 prevention of obesity and studying the relationship between poverty
17 and obesity; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
19 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 73rd Session of
20 the Nevada Legislature commend the vision of the Health Division
21 of the Department of Human Resources and the Department of
22 Education in the establishment of the planning group and recognize
23 the efforts of the Nevada Public Health Foundation in facilitating
24 meetings to gather information and hear the concerns of
25 organizations and groups dedicated to the prevention of obesity; and
26 be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Legislature further applauds the work of
28 organizations in our State determined to prevent chronic disease and
29 supports the Health Division as it prepares the State Obesity Plan,
30 which will serve as an essential reference for steps that are
31 necessary to prevent the chronic disease of obesity in Nevada; and
32 be it further

33 RESOLVED, That the people of the State of Nevada praise the
34 public and private partnerships formed in the ongoing pursuit of
35 protecting the health of the residents of Nevada; and be it further

36 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
37 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Health Division of the
38 Department of Human Resources, the Department of Education and
39 the Nevada Public Health Foundation.



