

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, In response to this legislative study, the Health Division of the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Education established a planning group to network with groups and organizations interested in preventing obesity, with

the goal of coordinating their efforts and receiving input about ways to prevent obesity in Nevada; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Participants at these meetings included representatives from the Bureau of Community Health and the Bureau of Family Health Services of the Health Division, the Welfare Division of the Department of Human Resources, the Nevada Public Health Foundation, the Great Basin Primary Care Association, the University of Nevada School of Medicine and Schools of Public Health and the nutrition programs of the University, the Cooperative Extension of the University of Nevada, the Golden Health Medical Center in Elko, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Health and Human Services Clinic, Washoe County Senior Services, the Washoe County District Health Department, the YMCA of the Sierra, the High Sierra Area Health Education Center, the Southern Nevada Area Health Education Center, the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, the American Heart Association of Nevada, Special Recreation Services, Inc., The Children's Cabinet, Inc., Project MANA (Making Adequate Nutrition Accessible), the school districts of Clark County, Nye County, Pershing County and Washoe County, the Nevada PTA, the Teachers Health Trust, the Dairy Council of Utah/Nevada, the Clark County Health District, Sierra Health Services, Inc., Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center, the Moapa Paiute Band, the Carson City Recreation Department, Carson-Tahoe Hospital, the Ron Wood Family Resource Center, Nevada Hispanic Services of Carson City, Health Smart of Carson City, Friends in Service Helping of Carson City and the Carson City Public Health Department; and

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

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 73rd Session of the Nevada Legislature commend the vision of the Health Division of the Department of Human Resources and the Department of

Education in the establishment of the planning group and recognize the efforts of the Nevada Public Health Foundation in facilitating meetings to gather information and hear the concerns of organizations and groups dedicated to the prevention of obesity; and be it further

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

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

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

