

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES AND EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES)

FEBRUARY 15, 2005

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Education

SUMMARY—Designates the second Wednesday in April as
“Service Animal Recognition Day.” (BDR R-693)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Designating the
second Wednesday in April as “Service Animal
Recognition Day” to heighten public awareness of the
importance of service animals and service animals in
training to persons with disabilities and to provide
opportunities for educating the public on the subject of
service animals.

- 1 WHEREAS, Service animals enhance the lives of their human
2 partners by performing a variety of tasks that are important to an
individual’s independence, mobility, confidence and comfort; and
3 WHEREAS, Persons with disabilities have the same rights to free
4 and equal participation in society that persons without disabilities
5 have, including access to public accommodations and public
6 transportation and to nondiscrimination in practices related to
7 housing and employment; and
8 WHEREAS, The Americans With Disabilities Act and the laws of
9 the State of Nevada protect the rights of persons with disabilities
10 and their service animals as well as those of trainers of service
11 animals and service animals in training; and
12 WHEREAS, There is a need for increased public awareness of the
13 importance of service animals and service animals in training to
14 persons with disabilities and of the rights of those who use service
15 animals; and
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1 WHEREAS, Education is essential to alert the public to the harm
2 that is caused by the fraudulent misrepresentation of pets as service
3 animals or service animals in training and by the failure of pet
4 owners to control their animals in the presence of a service animal
5 or service animal in training; and

6 WHEREAS, The residents of Nevada need to know that
7 interference with, harming or killing a service animal or service
8 animal in training may result in criminal penalties and civil liability
9 for the offender or the owner of an offending animal; and

10 WHEREAS, Local governments, local government organizations
11 and law enforcement agencies should be made aware of the
12 importance of enforcing existing local ordinances related to animal
13 control to protect the rights of persons with disabilities and enable
14 them to use service animals safely; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
16 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That April 13, 2005, is hereby
17 designated as "Service Animal Recognition Day" in Nevada; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That the Northern Nevada Council for Independent
20 Living and the Southern Nevada Council for Independent Living are
21 hereby asked to coordinate activities that encourage the residents of
22 the State of Nevada to recognize and celebrate the second
23 Wednesday in April of each subsequent year as Service Animal
24 Recognition Day; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That chambers of commerce, local governments,
26 local governmental organizations and law enforcement agencies are
27 urged to provide training on the rights of persons with disabilities
28 with service animals to access public accommodations and public
29 transportation and to nondiscrimination in employment; and be it
30 further

31 RESOLVED, That local governments and other organizations are
32 hereby advised that the Nevada Equal Rights Commission has
33 jurisdiction over the resolution of complaints of unlawful
34 discriminatory practices related to housing, employment and public
35 accommodations; and be it further

36 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
37 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Department of Human
38 Resources, the Department of Education to make available to the
39 schools in Nevada, law enforcement agencies, the Nevada
40 Association of Counties for distribution to local governments, the
41 Northern Nevada Council for Independent Living and the Southern
42 Nevada Council for Independent Living.

