

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44—SENATORS CEGAVSKE, AMODEI, BEERS, CARE, CARLTON, COFFIN, HARDY, HECK, HORSFORD, LEE, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NOLAN, RAGGIO, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, TIFFANY, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

MAY 31, 2005

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Recognizes Southern Nevada Area Health Education Center for its contributions towards prevention of child abuse. (BDR R-1471)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Recognizing the Southern Nevada Area Health Education Center for its contributions towards the prevention of child abuse.

- 1 WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect are critical and continuing
- 2 problems among Nevada’s families, with more than 13,000 reported
- 3 cases each year; and
- 4 WHEREAS, A child in Nevada is abused or neglected every 2
- 5 hours, and half of these victims of abuse and neglect are 5 years old
- 6 or younger; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Child abuse is more common in families that face
- 8 risk factors such as poverty, insufficient or no access to social
- 9 services, limited parenting skills, substance abuse and parents who
- 10 were raised with abuse themselves; and



1 WHEREAS, Research has shown that the risk of child abuse can
2 be lessened through such preventive strategies as strengthening
3 parenting skills, providing support for families in crisis, facilitating
4 children's social and emotional development, and linking families to
5 services and opportunities; and

6 WHEREAS, The Southern Nevada Area Health Education Center
7 is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving Nevada's health
8 status through educational services and community outreach; and

9 WHEREAS, The mission of the Center's Child Abuse Prevention
10 Program is to prevent child abuse and neglect in Nevada through
11 early intervention, awareness and education; and

12 WHEREAS, Early this year, the Center was awarded full chapter
13 status as the Nevada Chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America, a
14 nationally recognized initiative for the prevention of child abuse;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The Center offers a statewide resource for
17 prevention services, information sharing, learning and program
18 development for children, parents, professionals and communities;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, The Center partners with providers of children's
21 services, community organizations and other persons and entities
22 throughout the State to address the needs of both rural and urban
23 communities; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
25 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 73rd Session of
26 the Nevada Legislature hereby recognize the outstanding
27 contributions of the Southern Nevada Area Health Education Center
28 to child abuse prevention, education and intervention for
29 communities in Nevada; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the Legislature hereby congratulates the Center
31 on becoming an official chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America;
32 and be it further

33 RESOLVED, That the Legislature recognizes the ongoing need to
34 support viable efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect in this
35 State; and be it further

36 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
37 transmit a copy of this resolution to Debbie Barter, Child Abuse
38 Prevention Program Manager of the Southern Nevada Area Health
39 Education Center, Frank Lassus, Chairman of the Board of Trustees
40 of the Southern Nevada Area Health Education Center, and Rose
41 Yuhos, Executive Director of the Southern Nevada Area Health
42 Education Center.

