

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

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

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect are critical and continuing problems among Nevada’s families, with more than 13,000 reported cases each year; and

WHEREAS, A child in Nevada is abused or neglected every 2 hours, and half of these victims of abuse and neglect are 5 years old or younger; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse is more common in families that face risk factors such as poverty, insufficient or no access to social services, limited parenting skills, substance abuse and parents who were raised with abuse themselves; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The Center offers a statewide resource for prevention services, information sharing, learning and program

development for children, parents, professionals and communities; and

WHEREAS, The Center partners with providers of children's services, community organizations and other persons and entities throughout the State to address the needs of both rural and urban communities; 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 hereby recognize the outstanding contributions of the Southern Nevada Area Health Education Center to child abuse prevention, education and intervention for communities in Nevada; and be it further

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

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

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