

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 17—Assemblymen
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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Designating
March 28, 2007, as Kick Butts Day in Nevada.

WHEREAS, The youth of Nevada are concerned about their
futures and believe substance abuse, including alcohol, tobacco, and
prescription and illegal drugs, is one of the most critical problems
facing the families and communities in this State; and

WHEREAS, Substance abuse is linked to crime, domestic
violence, child abuse and neglect, the breakdown of families,
homelessness, decreased performance at school and work, and an
increase in health care costs; and

WHEREAS, Nationally, more than half of young people have
tried illegal drugs by the time they graduate from high school, and
three million adolescents between 14 and 17 years of age have an
alcohol problem; and

WHEREAS, Statistics show that, among the youth of Nevada, 52
percent have tried cigarettes, 74.1 percent have tried alcohol, 39.3
percent have used marijuana and 11.1 percent have used
methamphetamine by the time they have finished high school; and

WHEREAS, Research indicates that young people who avoid the
early use of alcohol, tobacco and marijuana are less likely to engage
in other harmful behaviors such as crime, delinquency and the use
of other illegal drugs; and

WHEREAS, With early intervention and increased funding for
education and for outreach programs, substance abuse is a
preventable disease, and according to Daphne Bugental, a
psychology professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara,



for “every dollar invested in prevention, there is a cost savings of four dollars to public agencies later on”; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada Legislature are proud that the youth of Nevada are speaking out and taking action to be part of the solution to end substance abuse in their community and in this State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature recognizes March 28, 2007, as Kick Butts Day in Nevada, a program which encourages youth to abstain from the use of tobacco; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the State Board of Health and the State Board of Education.

