

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29—ASSEMBLYMEN GERHARDT, SEGERBLOM, ALLEN, ANDERSON, ARBERRY, ATKINSON, BEERS, BOBZIEN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CHRISTENSEN, CLABORN, COBB, CONKLIN, DENIS, GANSERT, GOEDHART, GOICOECHEA, GRADY, HARDY, HOGAN, HORNE, KIHUEN, KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO, LESLIE, MABEY, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PARNELL, PIERCE, SETTELMAYER, SMITH, STEWART, WEBER AND WOMACK

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS WOODHOUSE; AMODEI, BEERS, CARE, CARLTON, CEGAVSKE, COFFIN, HARDY, HECK, HORSFORD, LEE, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NOLAN, RAGGIO, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Encourages the Department of Health and Human Services to take certain actions concerning chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. (BDR R-898)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Encouraging the Department of Health and Human Services to take certain actions concerning chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

- 1 WHEREAS, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD),
- 2 which includes chronic bronchitis and emphysema, is the fourth
- 3 leading cause of death in the United States, affecting one in four
- 4 Americans over the age of 45; and
- 5 WHEREAS, COPD is a chronic progressive disease that affects
- 6 over 89,000 Nevadans and impacts nearly 24 million Americans;
- 7 and



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1 WHEREAS, Statistics reveal that COPD accounts for one death
2 every 4 minutes in the United States each year and is one of the
3 leading causes of disability; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2004, the cost to the nation for COPD was
5 approximately \$37.2 billion, including \$20.9 billion in direct health
6 care expenditures, \$7.4 billion in indirect morbidity costs and \$8.9
7 billion in indirect mortality costs; and

8 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and management of COPD can
9 effectively reduce the overall financial burden of the illness within
10 public programs such as Medicaid; and

11 WHEREAS, Proper treatment of COPD can lead to improved
12 quality of life and self-sufficiency on the part of patients who
13 receive care within public programs; and

14 WHEREAS, COPD is a chronic disease suitable for inclusion in
15 programs for the management of diseases; and

16 WHEREAS, The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the
17 National Institutes of Health of the United States Department of
18 Health and Human Services launched a public outreach campaign
19 titled "Learn More Breathe Better" to increase awareness and
20 understanding of COPD and its risk factors and to underscore the
21 benefits of early detection and treatment in slowing the disease and
22 improving the quality of life; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
24 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Nevada Legislature hereby
25 encourages the Department of Health and Human Services to
26 recognize the importance of early diagnosis and treatment of
27 persons with COPD and those at greatest risk for the disease; and be
28 it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature further encourages the
30 Department of Health and Human Services to increase awareness
31 and understanding of COPD through the promotion and support of
32 the COPD campaign recently launched by the National Heart, Lung,
33 and Blood Institute; and be it further

34 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
35 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Director of the Department
36 of Health and Human Services.

