

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, Ocegüera, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Pierce, Settelmeyer, Smith, Stewart, Weber and Womack

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

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

WHEREAS, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), which includes chronic bronchitis and emphysema, is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States, affecting one in four Americans over the age of 45; and

WHEREAS, COPD is a chronic progressive disease that affects over 89,000 Nevadans and impacts nearly 24 million Americans; and

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health of the United States Department of Health and Human Services launched a public outreach campaign



titled "Learn More Breathe Better" to increase awareness and understanding of COPD and its risk factors and to underscore the benefits of early detection and treatment in slowing the disease and improving the quality of life; now, therefore, be it

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

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

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

