

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—ASSEMBLYMEN
CONKLIN, LESLIE, ALLEN, ANDERSON, ARBERRY,
ATKINSON, BEERS, BOBZIEN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER,
CHRISTENSEN, CLABORN, COBB, DENIS, GANSERT,
GERHARDT, GOEDHART, GOICOECHEA, GRADY, HARDY,
HOGAN, HORNE, KIHUEN, KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO,
MABEY, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON,
MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PARNELL,
PIERCE, SEGERBLOM, SETTELMAYER, SMITH, STEWART,
WEBER AND WOMACK

FEBRUARY 19, 2007

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

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Designates February 19, 2007, as Homeless
Awareness Day in Nevada. (BDR R-1157)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Designating
February 19, 2007, as Homeless Awareness Day in
Nevada.

- 1 WHEREAS, On January 10, 2007, the National Alliance to End
- 2 Homelessness issued a report ranking Nevada as having the second
- 3 highest percentage per capita of homeless persons, with more than
- 4 double the national average; and
- 5 WHEREAS, According to the report, an estimated 744,313 people
- 6 experienced homelessness nationally, including 16,402 people in
- 7 Nevada; and



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1 WHEREAS, These figures do not take into account those persons
2 who are on the edge of homelessness, living paycheck to paycheck,
3 one step away from becoming homeless; and

4 WHEREAS, There are many reasons for homelessness, including,
5 without limitation, unemployment, low wages, lack of affordable
6 housing, lack of health insurance, domestic violence, and substance
7 abuse and mental health issues; and

8 WHEREAS, One of the fastest growing segments of the homeless
9 population in this country consists of families with children; and

10 WHEREAS, Homelessness disrupts every aspect of family life,
11 adversely affecting physical and mental health, interfering with
12 education and childhood development, and often resulting in the
13 separation of family members; and

14 WHEREAS, Strategies for fighting homelessness that have shown
15 positive results include the appropriation of money to provide
16 assistance to homeless persons and the establishment of programs
17 that focus on permanent housing and services to help the chronically
18 homeless lead more stable lives; and

19 WHEREAS, To raise awareness of the issues faced by homeless
20 persons in Nevada, including the need for transitional housing and
21 mental health assistance, some Nevada Legislators and various other
22 concerned citizens slept in a "Tent City" outside of the Legislative
23 Building on February 18, 2007; and

24 WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature recognize
25 the outstanding efforts of the numerous state and local governmental
26 agencies and various nonprofit entities dedicated to fighting
27 homelessness in the State of Nevada; now, therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
29 SENATE CONCURRING, That February 19, 2007, is hereby
30 designated as Homeless Awareness Day in Nevada; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That the members of the 74th Session of the Nevada
32 Legislature hereby express their commitment to creating a greater
33 public awareness of the problem of homelessness in Nevada and
34 resolve to continue to work cooperatively to solve this problem; and
35 be it further

36 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
37 transmit a copy of this resolution to Michael Dayton, Chief of Staff
38 to Governor Jim Gibbons.

