

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

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

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

WHEREAS, On January 10, 2007, the National Alliance to End Homelessness issued a report ranking Nevada as having the second highest percentage per capita of homeless persons, with more than double the national average; and

WHEREAS, According to the report, an estimated 744,313 people experienced homelessness nationally, including 16,402 people in Nevada; and

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

