

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—ASSEMBLYMEN
CONKLIN, PARKS, ALLEN, ANDERSON, ARBERRY,
ATKINSON, BEERS, BOBZIEN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER,
CHRISTENSEN, CLABORN, COBB, DENIS, GANSERT,
GERHARDT, GOEDHART, GOICOECHEA, GRADY, HARDY,
HOGAN, HORNE, KIHUEN, KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO,
LESLIE, MABEY, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN,
MORTENSON, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL,
PARNELL, PIERCE, SEGERBLOM, SETTELMAYER, SMITH,
STEWART, WEBER AND WOMACK

FEBRUARY 20, 2007

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

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Designates February 20, 2007, as Homeless Youth
Awareness Day in Nevada. (BDR R-1156)

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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 20, 2007, as Homeless Youth Awareness Day in
Nevada.

- 1 WHEREAS, Thousands of children in this State are reported as
- 2 runaways each year and often join the homeless population on the
- 3 streets, eating out of dumpsters, sleeping in alleys and feeling cold,
- 4 unloved and alone; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Many of these runaway children prefer to chance the
- 6 dangers of life on the street to remaining in their homes where they
- 7 often experience abuse, violence and other dysfunction; and



1 WHEREAS, Although the "Right to Shelter Law" which provided
2 for separate shelters for certain runaway children was passed by the
3 Nevada Legislature in 2001, there are no long-term residential
4 facilities which allow children to seek assistance on a voluntary
5 basis in this State; and

6 WHEREAS, There is a lack of available statistics concerning the
7 number of homeless children that reside in this State and their need
8 for such long-term residential facilities and other services; and

9 WHEREAS, Children who are homeless are unable to support
10 themselves financially, causing them to become desperate, hungry
11 and vulnerable; and

12 WHEREAS, Homeless children often become sexually active, are
13 at risk of becoming pregnant, engaging in prostitution and
14 contracting sexually transmitted diseases, suffer from poor nutrition
15 and dehydration, become suicidal and suffer various other harms
16 which affect their overall health, well-being and ability to become
17 productive members of society; and

18 WHEREAS, To properly address the needs of this often forgotten
19 population, it is important to raise public awareness of the serious
20 issues concerning homeless children in this State and to encourage
21 public support for programs designed to assist those children; and

22 WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature recognize
23 the outstanding efforts of the state and local governmental agencies
24 and nonprofit entities dedicated to fighting the problem of homeless
25 children in the State of Nevada; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
27 SENATE CONCURRING, That February 20, 2007, is hereby
28 designated as Homeless Youth Awareness Day in Nevada; and be it
29 further

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

35 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
36 transmit a copy of this resolution to Michael Dayton, Chief of Staff
37 to Governor Jim Gibbons, and to the Board of Directors of the
38 Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth.

