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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Designates June as Hemophilia Awareness Month.
(BDR R-1446)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Designating June as Hemophilia Awareness Month.

- 1 WHEREAS, Approximately 20,000 persons in the United States
- 2 and an estimated 200 Nevada residents are living with hemophilia;
- 3 and
- 4 WHEREAS, Hemophilia is an inherited bleeding disorder that
- 5 affects predominantly males, at a ratio of 5,500 to 1, with about 400
- 6 babies born each year with this disease; and
- 7 WHEREAS, A person may also develop an antibody against their
- 8 own clotting factor, known as an acquired factor inhibitor, resulting
- 9 in an increased tendency to bleed; and
- 10 WHEREAS, When most people have an injury or surgery, their
- 11 blood clots to keep them from losing too much blood, but because



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1 hemophiliacs have a low level of or are missing the clotting factor in
2 their blood, they bleed for a longer time than others; and

3 WHEREAS, Internal bleeding is common in people with severe
4 hemophilia, and bleeding may occur even when there is no injury,
5 most often in the joints, causing severe joint damage, disabling
6 arthritis, neurological damage, damage to other organs and, in rare
7 cases, death; and

8 WHEREAS, What would be a simple bump on the head for most
9 people could cause bleeding in the brain for a hemophiliac,
10 requiring emergency treatment; and

11 WHEREAS, Hemophiliacs and their families must learn to
12 recognize signs of bleeding as soon as possible because a delay in
13 treatment can cause further damage; and

14 WHEREAS, People with severe cases of hemophilia may limit
15 their activities to reduce the chance of injury, which means many
16 children with hemophilia are not able to participate in sports and
17 other activities with their friends; and

18 WHEREAS, A nationwide network of hemophilia treatment
19 centers, such as the Hemophilia Treatment Center of Las Vegas, are
20 funded by the Federal Government and provide treatment, education
21 and support for hemophiliacs, and patients treated in these centers
22 have fewer bleeding complications than those treated elsewhere; and

23 WHEREAS, There is no cure for hemophilia, and it is a lifelong
24 condition that some, but not all, persons can control with
25 replacement therapy by receiving regular infusions or injections of
26 the deficient clotting factor directly into the bloodstream, allowing
27 them to live longer and more fulfilled lives; now, therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
29 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 74th Nevada
30 Legislature recognize the seriousness of hemophilia and designate
31 June as Hemophilia Awareness Month to educate people about the
32 importance of finding effective treatment and a cure for this disease;
33 and be it further

34 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
35 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Hemophilia Foundation of
36 Nevada and to the Hemophilia Treatment Center of Las Vegas.

