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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Designating June as Hemophilia Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, Approximately 20,000 persons in the United States and an estimated 200 Nevada residents are living with hemophilia; and

WHEREAS, Hemophilia is an inherited bleeding disorder that affects predominantly males, at a ratio of 5,500 to 1, with about 400 babies born each year with this disease; and

WHEREAS, A person may also develop an antibody against their own clotting factor, known as an acquired factor inhibitor, resulting in an increased tendency to bleed; and

WHEREAS, When most people have an injury or surgery, their blood clots to keep them from losing too much blood, but because hemophiliacs have a low level of or are missing the clotting factor in their blood, they bleed for a longer time than others; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, People with severe cases of hemophilia may limit their activities to reduce the chance of injury, which means many



children with hemophilia are not able to participate in sports and other activities with their friends; and

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

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

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

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

