

Senate Joint Resolution No. 6—Senator Horsford

Joint Sponsor: Assemblyman Hardy

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging Congress to reauthorize the State Children’s Health Insurance Program to assure federal funding for the Nevada Check Up program.

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Nevada regards the health of our children to be of paramount importance to families in our State, and considers protecting the health of our children essential to the well-being of our youngest citizens and the quality of life in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Nevada regards poor health as a threat to the educational achievement and the social and psychological well-being of Nevada’s children; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Nevada considers the Nevada Check Up program, which has enrolled 28,775 uninsured children since its inception in 1998, to be an integral part of the health benefits for the children of this State; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Nevada recognizes the value of the Nevada Check Up program in improving and preserving child wellness, preventing and treating childhood disease, and reducing overall health costs, and considers the federal funding available for the Nevada Check Up program to be indispensable to providing health benefits for children of modest means; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the Legislature urges each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation to ensure that the United States Congress timely reauthorizes the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to assure federal funding for the Nevada Check Up program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislature urges the Governor to work with the Nevada Congressional Delegation to ensure that SCHIP is reauthorized in a timely manner; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislature proclaims that all components of state government should work together with educators, health care providers, social workers and parents to ensure that all available public and private assistance for providing health benefits to uninsured children in this State be used to the maximum extent possible; and be it further



RESOLVED, That the Legislature urges the Governor to utilize all his resources to provide meaningful assistance to help identify and enroll children who qualify for Medicaid or the Nevada Check Up program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation and to Governor Jim Gibbons; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

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