

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28—ASSEMBLYMEN
CONKLIN; AIZLEY, ANDERSON, ARBERRY, ATKINSON,
BOBZIEN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CHRISTENSEN,
CLABORN, COBB, DENIS, DONDERO LOOP, GANSERT,
GOEDHART, GOICOECHEA, GRADY, GUSTAVSON,
HAMBRICK, HARDY, HOGAN, HORNE, KIHUEN,
KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO, LESLIE, MANENDO,
MASTROLUCA, MCARTHUR, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON,
MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARNELL, PIERCE,
SEGERBLOM, SETTELMAYER, SMITH, SPIEGEL, STEWART
AND WOODBURY

APRIL 28, 2009

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS HORSFORD; AMODEI, BREEDEN,
CARE, CARLTON, CEGAVSKE, COFFIN, COPENING, HARDY,
LEE, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NOLAN, PARKS, RAGGIO,
RHODS, SCHNEIDER, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON, WIENER
AND WOODHOUSE

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Designates April 28, 2009, as Homeless Youth
Awareness Day in Nevada. (BDR R-1245)

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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
April 28, 2009, 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



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1 WHEREAS, Although the "Right to Shelter Law," which
2 provided for separate shelters for certain runaway children, was
3 passed by the Nevada Legislature in 2001, there are no long-term
4 residential facilities which allow children to seek assistance on a
5 voluntary 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 and engaging in prostitution, suffer
14 from poor nutrition and dehydration, become suicidal and suffer
15 various other harms which affect their overall health, well-being and
16 ability to become productive members of society; and

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

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

25 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
26 SENATE CONCURRING, That April 28, 2009, is hereby designated as
27 Homeless Youth Awareness Day in Nevada; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the members of the 75th Session of the Nevada
29 Legislature hereby express their commitment to creating a greater
30 public awareness of the problem of homeless children in Nevada
31 and continuing to work cooperatively to solve this problem; and be
32 it further

33 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
34 transmit a copy of this resolution to Joshua Hicks, Chief of Staff to
35 Governor Jim Gibbons, and to the Board of Directors of the Nevada
36 Partnership for Homeless Youth.

