

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 10–
Assemblywoman Buckley

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ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging Congress to enact legislation requiring the Secretary of the Interior to convey ownership of certain land to the State of Nevada for the development of projects for renewable energy.

WHEREAS, Each year, the United States relies heavily upon energy that is produced by using finite resources such as coal, natural gas and petroleum; and

WHEREAS, The cost of crude oil imported into the United States from foreign sources has been very unpredictable; and

WHEREAS, At its peak, the drastic increase in the cost of oil in 2008 created significant turmoil among citizens throughout the United States, many of whom found the cost to be too high to even drive to work; and

WHEREAS, That increased cost also had the effect of increasing the price of nearly all other products offered to consumers; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, approximately 72 quadrillion British thermal units of energy were produced in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Of that amount, approximately 9 percent was produced using renewable resources such as geothermal energy, solar and wind power and biomass; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, approximately 102 quadrillion British thermal units of energy were consumed in the United States, thereby creating an energy deficiency of approximately 30 percent; and

WHEREAS, During troubled economic times, it is more important than ever that the United States find stability in the cost of energy and have the opportunity to become the leader in the production of renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, Nevada has significant amounts of geothermal, solar and wind resources available for use in the production of renewable sources of energy, including the largest geothermal resources of any state; and

WHEREAS, Nevada has made a significant commitment to developing renewable resources by enacting NRS 704.7821, which requires that, by 2015, not less than 20 percent of the electricity sold by providers of electric service to retail customers in Nevada must be generated, acquired or saved using renewable energy systems or energy efficient measures; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has recognized the importance of developing sustainable renewable energy resources and the



corresponding opportunity to create employment by including funding for states to develop these resources in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and

WHEREAS, The unemployment rate in Nevada has become one of the highest in the country; and

WHEREAS, The development of projects for renewable energy in Nevada would stimulate the economy by providing a stable source of employment and revenue; and

WHEREAS, Much of the land in Nevada is managed or controlled by the Bureau of Land Management and may also be suitable for use in the development of projects for renewable energy in Nevada; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That Congress is hereby urged to enact legislation requiring the Secretary of the Interior:

1. After considering any recommendations submitted by each appropriate governmental agency of the State of Nevada, to identify any parcels or other portions of land in Nevada which are managed or controlled by the Bureau of Land Management and which are suitable for the development of projects for renewable energy in Nevada; and

2. After identifying those parcels or portions of land, to convey ownership of those parcels or portions of land to the State of Nevada for the development of those projects; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Interior and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

