

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 25—Senators Parks; Breeden,
Coffin, Copening, Wiener and Woodhouse

Joint Sponsor: Assemblywoman Leslie

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Designating April 22,
2009, as Equality Day in Nevada.

WHEREAS, In November 2008, the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada created “Stand OUT For Equality,” a community coalition working to achieve equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) Nevadans; and

WHEREAS, Stand OUT For Equality supports and promotes activities directed at furthering the well-being, positive image and human rights of the LGBT community and its allies in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Stand OUT For Equality has organized the first-ever statewide lobbying trip, called “Equality Days,” to the Nevada Legislature specifically for the LGBT community; and

WHEREAS, Nevada residents who are LGBT and straight allies have joined together to share their personal stories in order to educate and engage Nevada Legislators and the public regarding LGBT issues; and

WHEREAS, Equality Days has a large number of sponsors, including the American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada, Desiree Alliance, Human Rights Campaign, Interweave Continental, Lambda Business and Professional Association, League of Women Voters of Las Vegas Valley, League of Women Voters of Nevada, National Association of Social Workers-Nevada Chapter, Nevada Women’s Lobby, Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays-Carson Region, Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, Sin City Sisters, Southern Nevada Association of Pride, Inc., Stonewall Democratic Club of Southern Nevada, Stonewall Democrats of Northern Nevada, UNLV Office of the Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion and Women’s Empowerment Network of Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, The American Association of University Women-Las Vegas Branch, American Association of University Women-Nevada, Clark County Democratic Black Caucus, Golden Rainbow, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, Laura’s List, Log Cabin Republicans, LV Equality, Las Vegas Gay Athletics, Arts and Activities, National Organization for Women-Southern Nevada Chapter, Nevada NOW, Nevada Stonewall Democrats, ProgressNow Nevada, Si Se Puede Latino Democratic Caucus,



Spectrum Northern Nevada, SWOP, The Lovett Foundation and Three Degrees are community supporters; and

WHEREAS, Equality Days seeks to ensure that LGBT issues are both recognized and represented by elected officials to create a Nevada where LGBT people are ensured their basic equal rights and can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That April 22, 2009, is hereby designated Equality Day in Nevada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby express their commitment to creating greater public awareness of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues in Nevada and resolve to continue to work cooperatively toward equality for all Nevadans; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Governor Jim Gibbons.

