

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4—ASSEMBLYMEN MILLER, ASSEFA, YEAGER; BACKUS, BILBRAY-AXELROD, CARLTON, CARRILLO, COHEN, DALY, ELLISON, FLORES, FUMO, GORELOW, HANSEN, MARTINEZ, MONROE-MORENO, MUNK, NGUYEN, PETERS, ROBERTS, SWANK, TORRES AND WATTS

MARCH 18, 2019

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Urges the President and the Congress of the United States to pass acts to combat illegal harvesting and trafficking of human organs. (BDR R-92)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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1 WHEREAS, The World Health Organization estimates that  
2 approximately 10 percent of all transplanted kidneys worldwide are  
3 illegally obtained, often bought from vulnerable impoverished  
4 persons or forcibly harvested from prisoners; and

5 WHEREAS, The practice of obtaining or harvesting organs  
6 illegally has been reported and documented by the United States  
7 House of Representatives, the United States Commission on  
8 International Religious Freedom, the European Parliament, the  
9 United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture, Amnesty  
10 International, Human Rights Watch, and many other governmental  
11 and third party organizations; and

12 WHEREAS, Multiple states and nations have passed resolutions  
13 to address, condemn, prevent, and combat illegal organ harvesting  
14 and trafficking, by means that include restricting travel for organ  
15 transplants to countries under suspicion of illegal harvesting and



1 requiring the medical community to inform and educate patients of  
2 unethical practices in such areas; and

3 WHEREAS, The United States House of Representatives  
4 unanimously passed House Resolution 343 in 2016, the United  
5 States House of Representatives passed House Resolution 3694 in  
6 2016, the European Parliament passed Resolution 2981 in 2013,  
7 and the United States Senate introduced Senate Resolution 220 on  
8 July 13, 2017, all of which condemn systematic, state-sanctioned  
9 organ harvesting; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
11 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the Nevada Legislature supports the  
12 resolutions brought forth by the United States Congress to combat  
13 the illegal harvesting and trafficking of human organs worldwide;  
14 and be it further

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

21 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon  
22 passage.

