

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4—ASSEMBLYMEN MILLER, ASSEFA, YEAGER, LEAVITT; BACKUS, BILBRAY-AXELROD, CARLTON, CARRILLO, COHEN, DALY, DURAN, EDWARDS, ELLISON, FLORES, FUMO, GORELOW, HAFEN, HANSEN, MARTINEZ, MCCURDY, MONROE-MORENO, MUNK, NEAL, NGUYEN, PETERS, ROBERTS, SMITH, SWANK, TITUS, TOLLES, TORRES, WATTS AND WHEELER

MARCH 18, 2019

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS DENIS, HANSEN, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS AND WASHINGTON

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



1 WHEREAS, Multiple states and nations have passed resolutions  
2 to address, condemn, prevent, and combat illegal organ harvesting  
3 and trafficking, by means that include restricting travel for organ  
4 transplants to countries under suspicion of illegal harvesting and  
5 requiring the medical community to inform and educate patients of  
6 unethical practices in such areas; and

7 WHEREAS, The United States House of Representatives  
8 unanimously passed House Resolution 343 in 2016, the United  
9 States House of Representatives passed House Resolution 3694 in  
10 2016, the European Parliament passed Resolution 2981 in 2013,  
11 and the United States Senate introduced Senate Resolution 220 on  
12 July 13, 2017, all of which condemn systematic, state-sanctioned  
13 organ harvesting; now, therefore, be it

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

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

25 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon  
26 passage.

