

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

Joint Sponsors: Senators Denis, Hansen, Ohrenschall, Parks and Washington

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ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging the President and the Congress of the United States to pass acts to combat illegal harvesting and trafficking of human organs.

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

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

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

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

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



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

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

