

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—SENATORS CANNIZZARO; BROOKS, CANCELA, DENIS, DONDERO LOOP, GOICOECHEA, HAMMOND, HANSEN, HARDY, HARRIS, KIECKHEFER, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PICKARD, RATTI, SCHEIBLE, SEEVERS GANSERT, SETTELMAYER, SPEARMAN, WASHINGTON AND WOODHOUSE

JULY 19, 2020

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN FRIERSON; ASSEFA, BACKUS, BENITEZ-THOMPSON, BILBRAY-AXELROD, CARLTON, CARRILLO, COHEN, DALY, DOUGLASS-BOONE, DURAN, EDWARDS, ELLISON, FLORES, FUMO, GORELOW, HAFEN, HAMBRICK, HANSEN, HARDY, JAUREGUI, KRAMER, KRASNER, LEAVITT, MARTINEZ, MCCURDY, MILLER, MONROE-MORENO, MUNK, NEAL, NGUYEN, PETERS, ROBERTS, SMITH, SPIEGEL, SWANK, TITUS, TOLLES, TORRES, WATTS, WHEELER AND YEAGER

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Expresses appreciation to persons and organizations who offered their services and assistance during the 31st Special Session of the Nevada Legislature. (BDR R-22)

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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, In response to the extraordinary circumstances
2 resulting from the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor of the
3 State of Nevada called the Nevada Legislature into a special session
4 on July 8, 2020; and

5 WHEREAS, Knowing that the special session would bring many
6 individuals into the Legislative Building and the risks posed by the



1 COVID-19 virus, various persons and entities stepped in to offer
2 assistance and support to ensure that Legislators, legislative staff,
3 members of the press and the public remained safe during the
4 special session; and

5 WHEREAS, The State Epidemiologist assisted in arranging
6 testing of legislators and legislative staff located in Carson City,
7 Nevada for the COVID-19 virus; and

8 WHEREAS, To carry out that testing, the State Epidemiologist
9 coordinated with the Nevada National Guard in Carson City to
10 conduct a testing event for legislative employees and Legislators
11 before the commencement of the special session; and

12 WHEREAS, The Nevada National Guard performed nearly 150
13 tests of legislative employees and Legislators for the COVID-19
14 virus with the assistance and coordination of the Division of
15 Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety and the
16 Carson City Department of Health and Human Services; and

17 WHEREAS, Thereafter, the State Epidemiologist arranged for
18 testing of additional legislative employees and Legislators through
19 Renown Health, which sent an employee to perform such testing
20 onsite at the Legislative Building and expedited the laboratory
21 results; and

22 WHEREAS, The Nevada National Guard further assisted during
23 the special session by assisting with health checks of anyone who
24 wished to enter the Legislative Building and then conducted a
25 second testing event onsite at the Legislative Building in which
26 nearly 200 people working in the Legislative Building were tested
27 for the COVID-19 virus; and

28 WHEREAS, The State Epidemiologist and the Nevada
29 Department of Health and Human Services have provided advice
30 and assistance to the Legislature before and during the special
31 session and have worked tirelessly to help keep the persons working
32 within the Legislative Building as safe and informed as possible;
33 now, therefore, be it

34 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
35 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 31st Special
36 Session do hereby express their sincere appreciation to the Nevada
37 Department of Health and Human Services, the Nevada National
38 Guard, the Carson City Department of Health and Human Services
39 and Renown Health for their extraordinary efforts and offers of
40 assistance during this unprecedented time to help ensure the
41 Legislature could carry out its business safely; and be it further

42 RESOLVED, That the members of the 31st Special Session wish
43 to specifically thank Richard Whitley, Director of the Department of
44 Health and Human Services; Melissa Peek-Bullock, State
45 Epidemiologist, and the other employees in her office who assisted



1 with the needs of the Legislature; Lanita Magee, Operations
2 Supervisor, Division of Emergency Management of the Department
3 of Public Safety; Major General Ondra Berry, Adjutant General,
4 Nevada National Guard; Colonel John Week, Director of the Joint
5 Staff of the Nevada Guard Joint Operations Center, Nevada
6 National Guard; the many other members of the Nevada National
7 Guard who responded at the Legislature; Cari Rioux, Public Health
8 Preparedness Planner for Carson City Department of Health and
9 Human Services; and Dawn Ahner, Chief Operating Officer of
10 Acute Services, Renown Health, and Tim Stephens, Vice President,
11 Ancillary & Support Services, Renown Health, and the many other
12 employees of Renown Health who assisted to provide testing at the
13 Legislative Building and to provide laboratory results; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
16 transmit a copy of this resolution to Richard Whitley, Director,
17 Nevada Department of Health and Human Services; Major General
18 Ondra Berry, Adjutant General, Nevada National Guard; George
19 Togliatti, Director, Department of Public Safety; Nikki Aaker,
20 Director, Carson City Department of Health and Human Services;
21 and Dawn Ahner, Chief Operating Officer of Acute Services,
22 Renown Health; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
24 adoption.

