

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 27–

Encouraging development of a coordinated collaboration among agencies that provide nutrition education to Nevadans.

WHEREAS, The prevalence of obesity in the United States is steadily rising, and obesity increases the risk of hypertension, high total cholesterol, coronary heart disease, stroke, gallstones, osteoarthritis, sleep apnea, respiratory problems, several cancers and type 2 diabetes, resulting in \$61 billion in direct health care costs and \$3.9 billion in lost productivity annually; and

WHEREAS, Diabetes during pregnancy imposes long-term risk in offspring for elevated body mass index and the early onset of type 2 diabetes, and more than 70 percent of people with prenatal exposure to type 2 diabetes will develop it by adulthood; and

WHEREAS, Obesity runs in families, with children of obese parents at greater risk of becoming obese than children of normal weight parents; and

WHEREAS, Research-based, public-private partnerships could identify and address information and service gaps and help the State to plan and deliver better long-term outcomes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE

ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That state agencies, school districts and organizations that provide nutrition education, especially to new and expectant parents and early childhood caregivers, are hereby encouraged to develop a coordinated collaboration to provide appropriate nutrition education to Nevadans to reduce obesity and encourage other healthy lifestyle choices; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this collaboration submit a report on the data collected and status of proposed programs to the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Department of Health and Human Services for dissemination to its divisions and local health departments, the Department of Education for dissemination to each district superintendent and each public school principal, nurse and director or manager of food and nutritional services, the Nevada System of Higher Education for dissemination to all universities and community colleges and department chairs of health-related studies, the Nevada Public Health Foundation for dissemination to all food and nutrition program directors, the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc., for dissemination to all tribal councils, the Dairy Council of Utah/Nevada, the Food Bank of Northern Nevada and the Community Food Bank in Southern Nevada, the Nevada Dietetic Association, the Nevada Public Health Association, Nevada Action for Healthy Kids, Partners for a Healthy Nevada, the Washoe County Obesity Coalition and the Carson Wellness Coalition.