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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, SETTELMEYER, SPEARMAN, WASHINGTON AND WOODHOUSE

JULY 19, 2020

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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)

SENATE RESOLUTION—Expressing appreciation to persons and organizations who offered their services and assistance during the 31st Special Session of the Nevada Legislature. CONCURRENT

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

WHEREAS, Knowing that the special session would bring many 6 individuals into the Legislative Building and the risks posed by the COVID-19 virus, various persons and entities stepped in to offer assistance and support to ensure that Legislators, legislative staff, members of the press and the public remained safe during the special session; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the members of the 31st Special Session wish to specifically thank Richard Whitley, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services; Melissa Peek-Bullock, State Epidemiologist, and the other employees in her office who assisted with the needs of the Legislature; Lanita Magee, Operations Supervisor, Division of Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety; Major General Ondra Berry, Adjutant General, Nevada National Guard; Colonel John Week, Director of the Joint Staff of the Nevada Guard Joint Operations Center, Nevada National Guard; the many other members of the Nevada National Guard who responded at the Legislature; Cari Rioux, Public Health Preparedness Planner for Carson City Department of Health and Human Services; and Dawn Ahner, Chief Operating Officer of Acute Services, Renown Health, and Tim Stephens, Vice President, Ancillary & Support Services, Renown Health, and the many other employees of Renown Health who assisted to provide testing at the Legislative Building and to provide laboratory results; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

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