Senate of the

Associated Students

of the University of Nevada

at the Eightieth session

Begun and held at the City of Reno on Wednesday,
the eighteenth day of April, two thousand and twelve

A Resolution

To Establish a Framework for Cooperative Housing at the University of Nevada

Whereas, Nevada students want alternative options to the residential halls that are currently a part of campus, as well as the Greek Life housing options.

Whereas, privately-owned residences around campus are often of sub-par living conditions and over-priced.

Whereas, a large portion of the Nevada student body must commute on a daily basis, costing them gas money, time, and potential parking fees.

*Whereas*, students living in the residence halls are unable to own pets and are limited in their personal liberties by necessary university mandates.

*Whereas*, several public universities, such as many of the University of California schools, have long-established cooperative housing programs that are low-cost, successful, and desired by students.

*Whereas*, the University of California, Berkeley has had the Berkeley Student Cooperative program since 1933 and has several housing sizes with capacities ranging from 29 to 149 students available.

*Whereas*, Berkeley Student Cooperative housing options includes themed housing such as an African-American house, an LGBTQIA house, and a Vegan & Vegetarian house.

*Whereas*, the University of Texas offers similar accommodations, as well as the option to own pets in the residences.

*Whereas*, the University of Texas offers housing designed for serious academics and older students both undergraduate and graduate.

*Whereas*, The University of Purdue offers cooperative housing that is designed to build leadership and life skills through students working together to manage their assigned household.

*Whereas*, Purdue offers seven women-only houses and five men-only houses.

*Whereas*, all three aforementioned universities make students work together to maintain the appearance of their households to reduce living costs for residents.

*Whereas*, cooperative housing at Purdue includes a recruitment process similar to Greek organizations’ rush period.

*Whereas*, establishing Cooperative Housing at the University of Nevada aligns with Joint Vision 2017 and Dr. Milton D. Glick’s goal of fostering a “sticky campus” environment.

*Whereas*, creating a Cooperative Housing program would enhance a sense of community on campus for students who would otherwise be unable to afford to live near campus.

*Whereas*, the Office of Student Life Services is currently working on a capital campaign request to erect new housing units near campus to serve as cooperative housing units.

*Whereas*, this project is likely to take up to seven years to come to fruition, and a continued effort by the University and the Association is necessary for the success of this initiative.

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students*, that we will continue to assist and support the Office of Student Life Services in their endeavor to establish cooperative housing at the University of Nevada.

*Be it resolved*, that the Association will work with the Office of Student Life Services to promote the funding of this project, and highly recommends that this project be funded by the Capital Campaign.

*Be it further resolved*, the Association will involve the student population as much as possible throughout the process beyond the 80th Session. The Association shall include students through the creation of a student advisory board that will work with the Office of Student Life Services to create an ideal cooperative housing program that meets the needs of students.

*Be it further resolved*, the Association recommends establishing themed housing options such as Vegetarian and Multi-Cultural themes, as well as options that encourage close interactions among a diverse group of students.

*Be it further resolved*, that we want a board of students to be in charge of running the cooperative housing program to allow for the best possible student experience and to create additional engagement opportunities for students.

*Be it further resolved*, as this project aligns with Joint Vision 17 2017, future sessions are highly encouraged to pursue this goal to the fullest extent possible.

Attest:

*Secretary of the Senate*

Speaker of the Senate