

**Senate of the  
Associated Students  
of the University of Nevada**

**AT THE EIGHTY-FIRST SESSION**

*Begun and held at the City of Reno on Wednesday,  
the seventeenth day of April, two thousand and thirteen*

**A Resolution**

In Support of the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center

*Whereas*, a child who is a victim of a crime: is asked to tell their story over and over, re-victimizing that child; interviews are held in uncomfortable settings, government buildings, police stations, medical facilities, law offices, and the victim and family are asked to make numerous trips throughout the Washoe Valley for interviews, examinations, counseling and court preparation.

*Whereas*, the mission of the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center located inside the Charles M. McGee Center in Washoe County will be to ensure the health and safety of the child through a neutral, child-centered environment designed to minimize trauma to the child, provide advocacy for the child and non-offending caregivers and support effective investigations.

*Whereas*, the proposed system of the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center or CAC for short, will allow the child victim to be interviewed only once at a child-friendly facility; this interview will be witnessed by a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT); the MDT can watch the interview in an observation room away from the child; after the interview the family will be provided with resources to address their need, all of which can be addressed at the CAC; as well if the child needs a sexual assault exam that too will take place at the CAC.

*Whereas*, the first CAC was established in 1985 by the District Attorney, now Congressman Bud Cramer of Huntsville, Alabama, since 1985, over 800 CAC's have been created nationwide.

*Whereas*, the Washoe County District Attorney Richard Gammick has the funding available for the start of building modifications to meet the needs of the CAC.

*Whereas*, to help enhance the building the local TSA donated excellent quality used office furniture.

*Whereas*, the proposed location is at the McGee Center on Longely Lane in Reno, NV which recently became available and is a good fit with the proposed center; the current site is child-friendly which includes the Children's Cabinet and Kid's Kottage on the same campus.

*Whereas*, in order to continue the mission of the center, social services including counseling, will be on-site for the child and the non-offending family members.

*Whereas*, there has been expressed support from the following local community organizations: Washoe County District Attorney, Reno Police Department, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Sparks Police Department, Department of Social Services, and CARES/SART Program (Child Abuse Response & EvaluationS, Sexual Assault Response Team).

*Whereas*, this is a collaborative effort of Washoe County DA, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Washoe County School District Police, Washoe County Department of Social Services, Washoe County District Health Department, University of Nevada, Reno Police Department, Sparks Police Department, Reno Police, Northern Nevada Medical Center, Medical Staff the Crisis Call Center and the Attorney General of the State of Nevada.

*Be it resolved that*, the undergraduate students of the University of Nevada, Reno support the mission and values of the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center.

*Be it further resolved that*, the undergraduate students of the University of Nevada, Reno feel their support of this center builds upon the University's goal of creating a "College Town" and strengthens the relationship of the University of Nevada, Reno with

that of Washoe County and all of the persons involved with creating this center.

*Be it further resolved that,* upon passage of the resolution, copies will be sent to the Washoe County District Attorney, the Mayor of Reno Bob Cashell, the Governor of Nevada Brian Sandoval, the State Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto, the United States Majority Leader and Nevada resident Harry Reid, the President of the University of Nevada, Reno Dr. Marc Johnson and the University's Vice President of Student Services Dr. Shannon Ellis.

Attest:

*Secretary of the Senate*

Speaker of the Senate