



# Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

*90<sup>th</sup> Session, 2022-2023*

## A BINDING RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

Bill Number: 100

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Sponsored By: 2022-2023 Student Government Assembly

*Whereas*, the University of Nevada Diversity Mission Statement states, “The University recognizes and embraces the critical importance of diversity in preparing students for global citizenship and is committed to a culture of excellence, inclusion, and accessibility.”<sup>1</sup>;

*Whereas*, the 89<sup>th</sup> Senate of Associated Students passed S.R. 89-147, A Resolution in Support of Religious Minorities on Campus<sup>2</sup>;

*Whereas*, the 88<sup>th</sup> Senate of Associated Students passed S.R. 88-90, A Resolution in Support of Recognizing Jewish Holidays<sup>3</sup>;

*Whereas*, within this year’s Cookies of Complaints, formal complaints have been made from the Muslim community on campus stating that they are underrepresented within the community;

*Whereas*, religious minority students of the University of Nevada, Reno are feeling underrepresented among their religious standings;

*Whereas*, in a Climate Survey in 2019 states there was, “38.7% of students with Christian affiliation, 4.4% Multiple religious affiliation, and 6.3% non Christian affiliation.”<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [www.unr.edu/diversity/mission](http://www.unr.edu/diversity/mission)

<sup>2</sup> [https://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/89-147\\_S.Res\\_InSupportOfReligiousMinorities.pdf](https://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/89-147_S.Res_InSupportOfReligiousMinorities.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [https://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/15194755/88-90\\_S.Res\\_SupportingRecognizingJewishHolidays.pdf](https://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/15194755/88-90_S.Res_SupportingRecognizingJewishHolidays.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.unr.edu/main/pdfs/verified-accessible/divisions-offices/president/truth/climate-study-final-report.pdf>

*Whereas*, the University of Nevada, Reno does not collect religious data in order to support its students; therefore, the students begin to feel religious inequality because of the significant difference in religious statistics between Non-Christian and Christian religion;

*Whereas*, 33 hate crime incidents occurred from 2018 to 2021 from the found links that pertain to religious persecution on campus<sup>5</sup>;

*Whereas*, religious minority students at the University of Nevada struggle to safely practice and follow their faith or religion on campus;

*Be it resolved*, the Associated Students of University of Nevada include,

- a) An accurate and information media post be posted on all religious holidays recognized by the UNR Diversity Awareness Calendar<sup>6</sup>
- b) Holidays represented by ASUN follow the Diversity Awareness Calendar in addition to any other holiday requested by the student if it fits the requirements to be represented;
- c) Requirements for a religious holiday requested to be represented by a student are that the religious holiday must have historical context from religious text or accurate research and information and the student practices and follows the religion they want represented;
- d) The Committee on IDEA is responsible for ensuring that information about the religious holiday and dates of those holidays are accurate by looking over and editing the information for the Instagram posts and confirming the dates;

*Be it further resolved*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada include the following in the Instagram post:

- a) There be a slide with the holiday name as the first slide
- b) A second slide with a description of the holiday

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<sup>5</sup> [https://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/89-147\\_S.Res\\_InSupportOfReligiousMinorities.pdf](https://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/89-147_S.Res_InSupportOfReligiousMinorities.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.unr.edu/diversity/campus-resources/calendar>

- c) A third slide or caption including information on where students can contact ASUN to make sure their religion is being recognized
- d) That the media posts be posted on the @nevadaasun Instagram media account

*Be it further resolved*, this legislation be sent to the following individuals:

- Trace Wolfgang, Director of IDEA
- Jada Maglinao, Vice President of the Associated Students
- Dionne Stanfill, President of the Associated Students
- Brian Sandoval, President of the University of Nevada, Reno
- Members of the Nevada Student Affairs Chair
- Committee on IDEA
- Michaela Matovina, Director of Inkblot
- Winter Nelson, Director of Public Relations
- Future Chair on IDEA for the 91<sup>st</sup> Session

Adopted in Senate on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Attest:

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Wyatt Layland, Senate Secretary

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Andrew Thompson, Speaker of the Senate