



Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

90th Session, 2022-2023

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RENO INDEPENDENT INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

Resolution Number: 82

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Sponsored By: 2022-2023 Student Government Assembly

Whereas, the Reno Independent Interfraternity Council is an independent council, an off-campus organization representing over 500 men all in attendance at the University of Nevada, Reno and made up of eight member fraternities; Alpha Tau Omega, Alpha Sigma Phi, Zeta Psi, Theta Chi, Kappa Alpha Order, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, and Pi Kappa Phi;

Whereas, the Reno Independent Interfraternity Council was founded in 2018 on the principles of safety, integrity, service and unity;

Whereas, the Reno Independent Interfraternity Council has set forth a “Constitution and Bylaws of the Independent Interfraternity Council”;

Whereas, Article II, Subsection G of the Constitution of the Independent Interfraternity Council states, “[The purpose of the IFC shall be to] promote mutual cooperation IFC, students, faculty, staff and local community”;

Whereas, the Reno Independent Interfraternity Council has promoted cooperation between students, faculty, staff, and local community through a variety of initiatives to include but not be limited to philanthropic missions, community services, student outreach, and athletic tailgates;

Whereas, on April 20, 2021, the Reno Independent Interfraternity Council hosted “All Greeks Fallen Firefighter Memorial Benefit” at 1Up that raised over \$2500 to go toward the Professional Fire Fighter’s of

Nevada, an association representing “all paid professional firefighters within the State of Nevada,” building the new memorial honoring Nevada’s Fallen Firefighters;

Whereas, on February 24, 2022, and March 4, 2022, the Reno Independent Interfraternity Council hosted “Thursday Night at the Arch” at The Arch Boutique Bar, Bites & Bowling and “Shave for the Brave” at Pub N’ Sub that raised \$1000 towards the Northern Nevada Children’s Cancer Foundation, an organization “supporting northern Nevada children with cancer”;

Whereas, on September 15, 2022, the Reno Independent Interfraternity Council hosted the “Greek Night: A Philanthropic Event” at Virginia Street Brewhouse and raised \$3250 towards the Max Vincze Foundation, a local nonprofit that provides “philanthropic funding to research labs working to find a treatment for adolescent and young adult (AYA) cancers”;

Whereas, as of December 8th, 2022, the Reno Independent Interfraternity Council hosted another Greek night philanthropy event at Virginia Street Brewhouse that raised \$3,600 toward a local nonprofit that provides philanthropic funding to research labs working to find a treatment for adolescent and young adult cancers;

Whereas, an unaffiliated organization in the Independent Interfraternity council raised \$2340.41 to donate to Katie, who was originally diagnosed with Ewing’s sarcoma in hopes of providing financial support to her family after her third diagnosis of cancer;

Whereas, in the strategic Associated Students of the University of Nevada plan, “No Walls 2025,” it states to break down the visible wall and increase visibility, officers should promote “Steps such as holding more events in the city and inviting the community, and, adversely, inviting the community to on-campus events will help connect the city to the students and students to the city.”;

Whereas, the Reno Independent Interfraternity Council has affirmed their commitment to “No Walls 2025” by holding events for students and the community both on campus and in the city for the benefit of philanthropic and charitable missions that directly affect the State of Nevada and the City of Reno;

Whereas, in the strategic Associated Students of the University of Nevada plan, “No Walls 2025,” it states to break down the spirit wall, students should promote the creation of “new traditions that have become a cultural part of the experience at the university, particularly around athletics”;

Whereas, since the cessation of the COVID-19 pandemic, on September 11, 2021, the Reno Independent Interfraternity Council has hosted an unsanctioned tailgate at Nevada Football games, that has become a storied tradition and has effectively changed “the student culture to support Athletics” through a quality event that has strengthened the University’s connection between the community and Wolfpack Athletics;

Whereas, all of these events that have been in promotion of the strategic “No Walls 2025” plan have been planned and have kept students safe thus far with no reported incidence since the Reno Independent Interfraternity Council’s founding in 2018;

Whereas, the Reno Independent Interfraternity Council sets standards and provisions under Article II, Section VI of the “Constitution of the Independent Interfraternity Council of Reno, Nevada” that affirm the communication of alcohol, drug and hazing awareness with strict guidelines prohibiting activities that would endanger the health and safety of students;

Whereas, the Reno Independent Interfraternity Council and its member fraternities are all required under the “Constitution of the Independent Interfraternity Council of Reno, Nevada” to retain detailed risk management policies that include provisions to reduce and eliminate the incidence of injury, illness and harm;

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Whereas, all of these events have been in the promotion of the student body and have made the Reno Independent Interfraternity Council, a close partner to the student body and the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, and these organizations have mutually cooperated to meet the demands of the “No Walls 2025” plan;

Whereas, the Reno Independent Interfraternity Council seeks to establish itself as a sovereign organization made up of the student body, recognized for its work and commitment to breaking down walls and barriers in pursuit of a stronger campus community;

Whereas, the overarching goal of this committee would be to explore avenues to enhance overall safety of Independent Interfraternity Council events through utilization of University resources and through collaborative conversations amongst the University of Nevada community at large;

Be it resolved that, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada stands to support the Reno Independent Interfraternity Council in their actions that have benefited the University of Nevada, Reno, and its greater community;

Be it further resolved that, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada is committed to continuing to engage in a productive discussion to address the hard work set out by clubs and organizations, both on and off campus, so that we may foster an environment where our students feel supported no matter their creed or organizational affiliation;

Be it further resolved that, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada will foster that environment by supporting the creation of a special committee made up of student leaders, faculty, administration, and staff to bridge the gap between the Reno Independent Interfraternity Council and the University in hopes of reaffiliation and we will assist in the creation of this special committee in ways University administration see fit;

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

- Dionne Stanfill, President of the Associated Students
- Jada Maglinao, Vice President of the Associated Students
- Ricky Salazar, Director of Fraternity & Sorority Life
- Valerie Milanes, Coordinator of Fraternity & Sorority Life
- Shannon Ellis, Vice President of Student Services
- Romando Nash, Associate Vice President of Student Life Services
- Brian Sandoval, President of the University of Nevada, Reno
- Eric James, Chief of University Police

- University Police Services

Adopted in Senate on January 25th, 2023

Attest:

Wyatt Layland, Senate Secretary

Andrew Thompson, Speaker of the Senate