



# Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

*91<sup>st</sup> Session, 2023-2024*

## **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION AND TRAINING ON UNIVERSITY PROPERTIES**

Resolution Number: 06

Authored By: Senator M. Tracy on behalf of Assistant Director Stacen Suzuki and DEA Ashley Martinez

Sponsored By: 2023-2024 Student Government Assembly

*Whereas*, NRS 453C establishes the Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act which protects any individual helping, in good faith, someone who is experiencing an opioid overdose cannot be punished by law;

*Whereas*, the University of Nevada community is not gone untouched by the opioid crisis, resulting in the deaths of two students in 2019 due to opioids laced with fentanyl;

*Whereas*, naloxone, best known as Narcan, is a nasal spray used to reverse the physical effects of opioid overdose such as fentanyl;

*Whereas*, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday, March 29 approved selling naloxone over the counter without a prescription;

*Whereas*, the University of Nevada, Reno should continue to take proactive and preventative measures for the health and wellbeing of students,

*Whereas*, other colleges and universities such as Ithaca College and Columbia University have made Narcan training and Narcan kits available to students on their campus through their residence halls, student health centers, and university police departments;

*Whereas*, New York University created an Opioid Education and Naloxone Training which operates by having students confirm completion of comprehensive, asynchronous training before the naloxone kits were administered through the Student Health Center;

*Whereas*, naloxone kits traditionally carry two packaged doses of Narcan and written instructions on how to administer the dose;

*Whereas*, the University of Nevada, Reno campus community continues to increase its presence throughout the Reno-Sparks area, such as with the ‘Virginia Line’ with the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) to move students from campus into the city;

*Whereas*, at Colombia University, numerous students have been able to identify an overdose and administer Narcan on overdoses they witnessed in the city area following their training;

*Whereas*, students live throughout the Reno-Sparks area and regularly frequent the area to shop, dine, and for entertainment;

*Whereas*, according to Washoe County Health District, Vital Statistics, in 2020, Washoe County currently has a high use of prescription drug use, with a continued increases in drug overdose deaths with about 19.3 deaths per 100,000 population;

*Whereas*, the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services in December 2022 encouraged increasing community education on use of naloxone;

*Be it resolved that*, the University of Nevada, Reno explore collaborations between the Washoe County Health District, University Police Department - Northern Command, Student Health Center, Residential Life, Housing, and Food Services, Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT), and Nevada’s Recovery and Prevention Program (NRAP);

*Be it further resolved that*, campus and community collaborators consider the Student Health Center, University Police Department, and Residence Halls as potential locations for naloxone kit distribution,

*Be it further resolved that*, campus and community collaborators consider distributing the naloxone kits to students following the confirmation of in-person or virtual training being completed, similarly to New York University,

*Be it further resolved that*, the University of Nevada, Reno establishes in-person and/or virtual trainings consisting of what an opioid overdose is, the risks of an opioid overdoses, what naloxone is, the response steps for a suspected overdose, and how to properly administer naloxone;

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

- Brian Sandoval, University President
- Nancy Roget, CASAT Executive Director
- Daniel Fred, Senior Project Coordinator to the Nevada’s Recovery and Prevention Program (NRAP)
- Dr. Cheryl Hug English, Medical Director of the Student Health Center
- Eric James, Chief of Police to University Police Department – Northern Command
- Dean Kennedy, Executive Director of Residential Life, Housing, and Food Services
- Boris Carpio Guerra, ASUN President

Adopted in Senate on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Attest:

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Wyatt Layland, Senate Secretary

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Fayza Salah, Speaker of the Senate