

NEVADA GIRLS STATE
ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Memorializes the 2017 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will legalize a state-run lottery.

WHEREAS, Forty-four states now operate lotteries; and

WHEREAS, Nevadans go out of state to Arizona and California to buy lottery tickets, which causes them to leave the State's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, Businesses near our state border lose sales to out-of-state competitors who could potentially be selling lottery tickets; and

WHEREAS, According to the North American Association of State and Prevention Lotteries, "states pocketed a total of \$19.4 billion on lottery sales of \$68.8 billion in 2012" meaning that Nevada would receive additional tax dollars without having to raise taxes; and

WHEREAS, This extra money could potentially go to the funding of schools, school programs or other state programs that result in positive externalities; and

WHEREAS, Large casinos are colluding in order to maintain their oligopolistic competition on the gambling market which reduces competition and leads to higher prices for consumers; and

WHEREAS, By enacting a state lottery, the gambling market would expand, creating an environment that is less affected by price fixing; and

WHEREAS, States have already enacted similar legislation and have had very satisfactory results; therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA, assembled in Carson City June 26, 2015, that the 2017 session of the Nevada Legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation that will legalize a state-run lottery.