

NEVADA GIRLS STATE
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

Memorializes the 2015 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will require high school students who are economically capable to complete a combined total of 200 documented hours over the course of all years of high school, specifically dedicated to volunteering at official organizations.

WHEREAS; Students who are economically disadvantaged may complete 200 work hours dedicated towards economically providing for their families; and

WHEREAS; As of 2012, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that 16-19 year olds have a non-volunteer rate of 72.6%; and

WHEREAS; Non-profit organizations which are working to decrease social injustice such as poverty need volunteers in order to prosper and survive; and

WHEREAS; High schools provide a wide-base of young, able-bodied potential volunteers; and

WHEREAS; Requiring community service allows high school students to give back to the communities that foster their growth; and

WHEREAS; Community service in Nevada is currently valued at \$18.97 per hour; and

WHEREAS; Students who participated in school required community service as 22% more likely to graduate from college than those who do not and are more likely to graduate from high school receiving a diploma; and

WHEREAS; Colleges and universities are becoming ever more competitive, thus requiring community service hours upon entry; and

WHEREAS; Students who volunteer are more likely to become engaged in civic activism as adults

WHEREAS; The completion of these hours will be implemented by a pass-fail credit system

WHEREAS; Students who are economically disadvantaged may complete 200 work hours in place of community service, and

WHEREAS; As a student's economic situation may be evaluated based upon their unique and individual scenario; and

WHEREAS; These students will also receive pass-fail credit

WHEREAS; Over the course of four years 200 hours of community service will break down into roughly over an hour a week of community service.; therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA, assembled in Carson City on July 5, 2015, that the 2015 session of the Nevada Legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation to require high school students to complete a combined total of 200 hours specifically dedicated to volunteering at official organizations.