

NEVADA GIRLS STATE
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Memorializes the 2015 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will provide mental health awareness to the community as well as create a fund for required therapy and other resources for the mentally ill based on specific guidelines for the individual and their family.

WHEREAS, At present, many mentally ill patients are not receiving the help they need due to the lack of a fund providing resources; and

WHEREAS, Mentally ill citizens are populating the streets increasing our homeless population because they are unable to care for themselves financially and physically are unable to work due to their condition; and

WHEREAS, Were a fund created for them, mentally unstable people would be able to move and advance towards mental stability and families would not struggle as much as they currently do with personal finances; and

WHEREAS, Creating a fund for resources, such as therapy and medications for the mentally ill, as well as making the community aware of the issues mentally ill people are struggling with, would not only benefit our society and community as a whole, but families and individuals who are in need of such a fund and assistance; and

WHEREAS, The amount of mentally ill persons on our streets would decrease; and

WHEREAS; The amount of individuals dealing with mental illness diseases would be more likely to become healthy and mentally stable which helps provide for a safer community; and

WHEREAS, Those receiving mental health awareness and benefit from the created fund will be given a specific amount of the fund depending on the person's need of the resources; and

WHEREAS, Statistics will be collected in order to determine the beginning amount of funding that is needed to determine how much funding every year will be provided for mental illness awareness and resources; and

WHEREAS, Funding will be provided by a raise on taxes, specifically gaming taxes; and

WHEREAS, In Nevada our Clark County Detention Center is occupied by more mentally ill persons than those who have intentionally committed a crime, leading to resources being used on the mentally ill rather than those who do not have a mental illness; and

WHEREAS, The resources that would be potentially funded are: therapy, medication, and treatment housing; therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA, assembled in Carson City on July 3, 2014, that the 2015 session of the Nevada Legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation to

create mental illness funding for resources and raising awareness of the mentally ill based on raising taxes on gaming taxes with the terms and conditions listed above.