

NEVADA GIRLS STATE
ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Memorializes the 2019 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will impose a substantial punishment, ranging from a monetary fine to prison time, on family members that witness and/or know of child abuse.

WHEREAS, "Child abuse" is defined as any willful act of physical, emotional, and/or sexual assault, acts of neglect and/or endangerment; and

WHEREAS, The above willful actions are proven to occur more than once; and

WHEREAS, "Family members" are defined as anyone age 18 and older with blood and/or legal relation to the victim and abuser, along with a close family friend who meets the same age requirement who has knowledge of the abuse; and

WHEREAS, The family member is not in a situation of domestic abuse upon full investigation of the case and all parties involved; and

WHEREAS, The family member lives within the state of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Any knowledge of abuse not reported at three months is punishable by a \$500 fine; and

WHEREAS, Any knowledge of abuse not reported from three months to one year is punishable by a fine in which the amount to pay is at the discretion of the judge; and

WHEREAS, Any knowledge of abuse not reported after one year is considered a regular misdemeanor; and

WHEREAS, An average of 50,000 cases of child abuse are reported, but as a result two are not, thus making the number of unreported cases 100,000; therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA assembled in Carson City on June 29, 2018 that the 2019 session of the Nevada Legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation to impose punishment, ranging from monetary consequences to prison time, on family members not in danger from domestic abuse and is 18 and older, who do not report child abuse they have knowledge of, where the punishment is based on the passage of time with no report filed.