

NEVADA GIRLS STATE
ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Memorializes the 2018 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will allow the state of Nevada to join the current nineteen states in The Jason Flatt Act which mandates training in suicide prevention requiring all school personnel (certified teachers, counselors, and principals who work with pupils in grades 6 through 12) to receive a two hour in-service training program provided by the state Board of Education once every four years.

WHEREAS, Currently the state of Nevada has laws in place that *encourages* suicide prevention training for school personnel despite suicide being the second leading cause of death amongst the ages of 10-34 according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention; and

WHEREAS, According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, suicide is the eighth overall leading cause of death in Nevada and Nevada ranked eleven in state ranks for suicide rates in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Our current mandated health education does not allow for proper intervention techniques to be taught and provides severely limited information on suicide prevention in programs like the S.O.S. (Signs of Suicide) program; and

WHEREAS, The Jason Flatt Act will coincide with Nevada's Anti-Bullying Law as youth who "report any involvement with bullying behavior are more likely to suicide-related behavior than youth who do not report any involvement with bullying behavior" (according to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention); and

WHEREAS, All nineteen states that have joined in The Jason Flatt Act have been supported by the state's Department of Education and the state's Teacher's Association; and

WHEREAS, States introduced under The Jason Flatt Act can pass this legislation without a fiscal note; therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA, assembled in Carson City on June 30, 2017, that the 2018 Session of the Nevada Legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation that the state of Nevada will join in The Jason Flatt Act and will mandate a two hour in-service training in suicide prevention required for all school personnel who work with pupils in grades 6 through 12 which will be provided for by the local boards of education once every four years.