

NEVADA GIRLS STATE
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 9

AN ACT that will prevent public schools from restricting culturally significant items being worn at graduation ceremonies.

SECTION 1: Many cultures have items that should be worn in graduation ceremonies. Depriving students of this experience can harm their mental health, as well as their relationships with their cultures.

SECTION 2: Native American students tend to wear beaded caps, as well, in some cases, eagle feathers. These students wear these items to honor themselves, their families, their tribes, and their ancestors.

SECTION 3: Polynesian students wear leis in their ceremonies because leis show affection for other people. Leis also symbolize arriving and leaving, which makes them a common item to be worn at graduation ceremonies.

SECTION 4: Latinx students wear flags and stoles around their shoulders to honor where they or their family come from. Students honor their accomplishments as first-generation graduates, and/or honor the sacrifices made by their family for their education.

SECTION 5: Students wear cultural items in graduation ceremonies to honor themselves and their journey. We as a state have passed the days of strict ceremonies celebrating principals, and are now in the days of celebrating student accomplishments and cultures.

SECTION 6: This ACT will be effective upon final passage.