

# **NEVADA SILVER HAIRED LEGISLATIVE FORUM**

*(Nevada Revised Statutes 427A.320)*

## **Urging the Nevada Legislature to Create an Interim Study for the 2019–2020 Interim That Would Study Projections Regarding the Care Needs of Different Communities in the State**

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum was created to identify and act upon issues of importance to aging persons; and

**WHEREAS**, Nevada faces increasing inequalities in care provision, limited resources, and rising demands for care. Nevada's senior population is one of the fastest growing in the nation that grew nearly 60 percent between 2006 and 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, It is of particular importance to identify senior communities that are in greatest need of care provision and ensure the state's limited care resources are appropriately allocated to maximize quality and quantity concerning care provision; and

**WHEREAS**, Community needs assessments assist community leaders in identifying and defining vulnerable senior population segments that require improved care and by creating strategies that lead to meaningful changes in their respective communities; and

**WHEREAS**, The Forum suggests the study and development of a community care needs projection model, based on a statewide community needs assessment, which would assist Nevadans in recognizing and promoting the care needs of their respective senior community; and

**WHEREAS**, Specific requirements of this projection model shall include key characteristics of each studied community, such as demographics, health status, mortality rate, and other local factors that may affect health and future care needs; and

**WHEREAS**, The projection model shall further evaluate current community policies, institutions, and systems that assess care needs and provide various care services to seniors; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED BY THE NEVADA SILVER HAIRED LEGISLATIVE FORUM**, That the Forum hereby urges the Nevada Legislature to create a study for the 2019–2020 Interim that would research projections regarding the care needs of different Nevada senior communities; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the resulting community care need projection model shall assist the Nevada Legislature in targeting communities with the most vulnerable senior population segments, who then shall have appropriate and sufficient care resources allocated.