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ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 11—ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON

MAY 31, 2021

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Expresses appreciation to the staff of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for their service during the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature. (BDR R-1188)

EXPLANATION – Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION—Expressing appreciation to the staff of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for their service during the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature.

WHEREAS, The Legislative Counsel Bureau was established in 1945 to provide the Nevada Legislature with independent, unbiased information and assistance to address the increasingly complex policy and fiscal issues that arise each legislative session; and

WHEREAS, The Legislative Counsel Bureau strives to meet the ever-increasing challenges of providing nonpartisan, centralized services to members of both Houses of the Legislature and their constituents in the most efficient, professional manner possible; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, the Legislative Counsel Bureau has evolved into an organization of public servants who provide a full range of services for the “people’s branch” of government; and

WHEREAS, In the Administrative Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, the staff of Information Technology Services and Broadcast and Production Services innovated to adapt the legislative process to new virtual technologies, the staff of the Buildings Unit, the Grounds Unit and the Janitorial Unit have meticulously maintained the beauty, safety and cleanliness of the legislative buildings and grounds, and the staff of the Accounting Unit, the General Services Unit and the Las Vegas Office have performed their roles expertly to ensure that members had access to support services and to keep the Legislature functioning smoothly; and

WHEREAS, In the Director’s Office, the Human Resources Counsel worked to keep everyone in the building safe, coordinating COVID-19 testing on-site and vaccination events for Legislators,
staff and members of the press, the Legislative Police ensured the
safety of the building through the implementation of a new
screening process for visitors, the State Printing Office carried out
the enormous task of printing bills, resolutions and other session
documents and the Gift Shop stocked pandemic-related merchandise
such as face masks and kept the store open through online sales
despite the closure of the Legislative Building; and

WHEREAS, The Legislative Auditor and the staff of the Audit
Division continued to provide the Legislature with independent and
reliable information about the operations of state agencies,
programs, activities and functions by conducting high-quality
performance audits to promote accountability in State Government
and by overseeing the annual single audit of State Government to
ensure continued funding of federal programs; and

WHEREAS, The Senate and Assembly Fiscal Analysts and the
staff of the Fiscal Analysis Division reviewed the Governor’s
Executive Budget and related bills and amendments while
maintaining their usual accuracy and efficiency, provided
expenditure and revenue analyses, provided staff support for the
Senate Committees on Finance and Revenue and Economic
Development and the Assembly Committees on Revenue and Ways
and Means and responded to the Legislators’ requests for
information concerning budgets and taxation; and

WHEREAS, The Legislative Counsel and the staff of the Legal
Division drafted and processed legislation and amendments to
legislation with meticulous attention to detail, while also providing
legal counsel to standing committees, meeting remotely and in-
person, and providing legal opinions to Legislators and staff on a
wide range of issues, completing a daunting quantity of work under
the rigorous scheduling demands of the legislative session; and

WHEREAS, The Research Director and the staff of the Research
Division, including the Research Library and Constituent Services
Unit, provided research and analysis of current and proposed public
programs and policies, drafted volumes of floor statements and
responded promptly and thoroughly to Legislator and constituent
requests for information, all while deftly navigating the logistical
challenges of new remote technologies; and

WHEREAS, During the legislative session, the staff of the
Legislative Counsel Bureau provided services eagerly and
professionally, regardless of the time of day or number of hours
required, and willingly sacrificed time with family and loved ones to
ensure that legislative business could be completed in a timely and
efficient manner; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That
the members of the Assembly do hereby express their sincere
appreciation to the outstanding employees of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and commend their dedication, cooperation, excellent work and willingness to serve the State; and be it further
RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Brenda J. Erdoes, Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau; and be it further
RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon adoption.