

Senate Resolution No. 8—Senators Cannizzaro,
Ratti, Settelmeyer and Hardy

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SENATE 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 SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That the members of the Senate 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 Secretary of the Senate 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.

