

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CAMPUS HUNGER REDUCTION ACT OF 2018 (2018-2019)

WHEREAS, the Nevada Student Alliance represents all 105,000+ students in the Nevada System of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Student Alliance is comprised of elected representatives from all NSHE institutions whose numerous responsibilities include voicing and lobbying student concerns to their elected officials in local, state, and federal levels; and

WHEREAS, the Campus Hunger Reduction Act of 2018, otherwise known as H.R. 6112 was introduced by Congresswoman Judy Chu of California on June 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the legislation moves to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to make institutions of higher education eligible for assistance for community food projects and for other purposes; and

WHEREAS, Congress finds the following:

- 1. According to the Wisconsin HOPE Lab, studies indicate that at least 36 percent of four-year college and university students and 42 percent of two-year community college student have experienced food insecurity in 2018.
- 2. Hunger threatens a student's health, cognitive ability, and economic security.
- 3. Institutions of higher education should strive to collect edible, surplus food from campus-operated dining facilities that would be thrown away and distribute such food to student experiencing hunger.
- 4. Institutions of higher education should partner with local organizations such as regional food banks to reduce hunger and support operation of food pantries on campus; and

WHEREAS, in a 2016 campus survey conducted by the ASUN Center for Student Engagement, the Office of Service-Learning & Civic Engagement, and the Office of Student Persistence Research, 21% of all University of Nevada students indicated food insecurity;

WHEREAS, Pack Provisions, formally known as the ASUN Food Pantry, strives to support all members of the University of Nevada, Reno with the daily resources that they need to ensure student success;

WHEREAS, Pack Provisions had a total of 314 users in the fall semester of 2017 alone;

WHEREAS, Pack Provisions and similar programs on campuses across the state of Nevada and across the country could benefit from the expansion of this existing grant program;

WHEREAS, the expansion of this grant program could allow additional NSHE institutions to start similar programs and address food insecurity on their campuses;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nevada Student Alliance, on behalf of the 105,000+ students of NSHE:

- Supports the passage of the H.R. 6112; AND
- Urges elected student representatives of the Nevada System of Higher Education to actively pursue resolutions from their institutions in regards H.R. 6112; AND
- Urges our Congressional representatives to support the passage of H.R. 6112.

ADOPTED by the Nevada Student Alliance on this 6th day of September 2018.

Attest:

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