



**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE  
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONDUCTING A SYSTEM-WIDE STUDY ON HOUSING AND  
FOOD INSECURITY**

**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 Nevada Student Alliance passed a resolution in favor of the Campus Hunger Reduction Act of 2018, 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 students 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**, a December 2018 United States Government Accountability Office report finds the following

1. There is limited information about the national prevalence of food insecurity among college students
2. GAO's analysis of Department of Education (Education) data shows that almost 2 million at-risk students who were potentially eligible for SNAP did not report receiving benefits in 2016.
3. Having a low income is the most common risk factor for food insecurity among college students. Among low-income students, most have one additional risk factor associated with food insecurity, such as being a first-generation student or a single parent; and

**WHEREAS**, other statewide systems of higher learning, such as Massachusetts and Wisconsin, have conducted similar studies; and

**WHEREAS**, faculty and staff at several NSHE institutions are already spearheading similar initiatives on their specific campuses;

**WHEREAS**, the Nevada Student Alliance passed a resolution in favor of the Campus Hunger Reduction

Act of 2018, 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**, conducting this study would further the Chancellor's objectives of access, student success, and closing the achievement gap; and

**WHEREAS**, a coordinated system-wide assessment could help inform campus initiatives such as:

1. Educating faculty, staff, and students
2. Nutrition, cooking, and budgeting classes
3. Food pantries and other food provision
4. Centralizing student services, such as help for applying for benefits, counseling, disability support services, financial aid, veterans' services
5. Emergency aid
6. Research and data analysis
7. Access to child and family support services


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

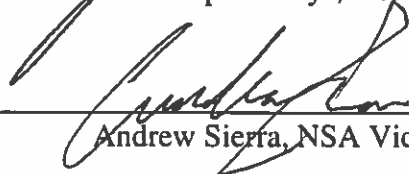
- Supports the initiative of a system-wide study concerning housing and food insecurity; AND
- Urges elected student representatives of the Nevada System of Higher Education to actively pursue resolutions from their institutions in regards to a system-wide study; AND
- Urges leadership of the Nevada System of Higher Education to work to find creative solutions and partnerships to address housing and food insecurity.

**ADOPTED** by the Nevada Student Alliance on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

Attest:



  
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Christopher Roys, NSA Chair

  
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Andrew Sierra, NSA Vice-Chair