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AN ACT relating to days of observance; designating “Peace Week” in the State of Nevada; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law sets forth certain days of observance in the State of Nevada to commemorate certain persons or occasions or to publicize information regarding certain important topics. (Chapter 236 of NRS) This bill designates the week in January that begins with Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and concludes the following Saturday as “Peace Week” in the State of Nevada and requires the Governor to issue annually a proclamation encouraging the observance of “Peace Week.”

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

WHEREAS, The provisions of this act require the State of Nevada to recognize “Peace Week” commencing on the day on which Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is observed and concluding the following Saturday; and

WHEREAS, “Peace Week” is designed to foster a statewide movement for a culture of peace and is recognized as an opportunity for the residents of this State to mark individual and organizational progress toward building such a culture; and

WHEREAS, “Peace Week” will serve as a reminder to the residents of this State of our permanent commitment to peace; and

WHEREAS, Peace education provided as part of “Peace Week” should be focused on helping students understand and manage conflict in their own lives and, from a greater perspective, learn how peace is fostered locally, statewide, nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, The activities of “Peace Week” are designed to empower the residents and visitors of this State to create and foster peace in each person’s own life and in the lives of those around us; and

WHEREAS, “Peace Week” in the State of Nevada encourages all residents of this State to take part in activities that contribute to the creation of a more peaceful, compassionate, knowledgeable and unified State and world; now, therefore,



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 236 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The week of January that begins with Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and concludes the following Saturday is designated as "Peace Week" in the State of Nevada.

2. The Governor shall issue annually a proclamation encouraging the observance of "Peace Week" which must:

(a) Call upon the news media, educators, business and labor leaders and appropriate governmental officers to bring to the attention of the residents of this State the importance of promoting a culture of peace in this State and around the world;

(b) Encourage schools, individuals, businesses, community organizations and faith-based organizations to participate in the observance of a minute of silence for peace to be observed at noon on the second day of "Peace Week";

(c) Encourage schools, community organizations and faith-based organizations to offer peace education addressing ways in which persons can:

(1) Build bridges between polarized groups;

(2) Heal community wounds and relationships; and

(3) Advance the science of peace and teach the children of this State to live compassionately;

(d) Encourage residents of this State to:

(1) Engage in quiet reflection;

(2) Volunteer at local community-oriented nonprofit organizations;

(3) Commit to more peaceful in-home communications;

(4) Share time with and devote energy to a person in need of support; and

(5) Learn about a local or global issue relating to people or the environment; and

(e) Promote participation in or the planning of community-wide activities, including, without limitation:

(1) Assemblies and rallies for peace;

(2) Marathons and walks for peace;

(3) Competitions of written, artistic and other creative expressions focused on promoting peace; and

(4) The wearing or displaying of symbols of peace.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

