

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 1–
Committee of the Whole

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ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging the President and Congress of the United States to provide flexible funding for state, local and tribal governments to account for anticipated public budget shortfalls as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, The rapid spread of the novel coronavirus disease 2019, abbreviated as COVID-19, was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020, and a national emergency by President Donald J. Trump on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, State, local and tribal governments have been on the front lines of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, taking decisive and dramatic actions, including ordering the closure of nonessential businesses and issuing stay-at-home orders, in an effort to comply with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Department of Health and Human Services and protect the health and welfare of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, As the result of these momentous actions to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, state, local and tribal governments, many of which were flourishing economically before the outbreak of COVID-19, now face economic and fiscal crises of unprecedented proportions; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Steve Sisolak, Governor of the State of Nevada, rapidly took action to combat the COVID-19 pandemic in the State of Nevada, issuing a series of Emergency Directives which, among other things, directed Nevadans to stay at home and provided for the closure of schools, casinos and gaming establishments and nonessential businesses; and

WHEREAS, The unemployment rate in the State of Nevada, which stood at a historically low 3.6 percent in February 2020, increased in just two months to 30.1 percent in April 2020, which is the highest level ever reported by a state in modern history; and

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada’s General Fund now faces an estimated shortfall of approximately \$1.2 billion in Fiscal Year 2020-2021; and

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada and local and tribal governments in this State will be forced, just as other state, local and tribal governments in similar positions will be forced, to implement deep cuts in services and programs, many of which affect persons



most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, unless federal relief is granted; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 31st Special Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge President Donald J. Trump and the Congress of the United States of America to provide further flexible funding for state, local and tribal governments to assist with anticipated public budget shortfalls as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

