

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 202

Introduced by Scheer, 19.

WHEREAS, Alcohol Awareness Month, sponsored by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, has been celebrated in April since 1987; and

WHEREAS, nationally, 1 in 13 women report that they drink alcohol while they are pregnant; and

WHEREAS, in Nebraska, 23.8% of women between the ages of 18 and 44 report that they engage in binge drinking; and

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) describes a spectrum of significant physical, mental, behavioral, and learning effects that can occur in individuals whose mothers consume alcohol during pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, FASD is a lifelong disability that is completely preventable; and

WHEREAS, the first step in preventing FASD is making sure that potential parents are aware of the dangers of alcohol consumption during pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, Project CHOICES, funded by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, found that women who receive both information and motivational intervention are at least twice as likely to have a reduced risk of an alcohol exposed pregnancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature designates April 2015 as Alcohol Awareness Month in Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature encourages individuals, organizations, and communities to engage in discussions and activities that raise awareness about alcoholism, particularly the dangers of FASD and consuming alcohol during pregnancy.