

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 37

Introduced by Raybould, 28.

WHEREAS, February 2023 is Turner Syndrome Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 85,337 individuals living with Turner Syndrome in the United States, many of whom live in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Turner Syndrome is a chromosomal abnormality that affects only those born female and occurs when the secondary X chromosome is partially or completely missing; and

WHEREAS, three in ten individuals diagnosed with Turner Syndrome have Mosaic Turner Syndrome, for which the number of X chromosomes can vary; and

WHEREAS, one in every two thousand female births has Turner Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, more than ninety-eight percent of fetuses with Turner Syndrome will die before birth, resulting in about ten percent of all first-trimester miscarriages; and

WHEREAS, more than thirty percent of individuals born with Turner Syndrome are not diagnosed until they are fifteen years of age and only three and one-half percent receive adequate care; and

WHEREAS, those who do survive often face lifelong physical, emotional, cognitive, and psychological challenges that can be mitigated with early diagnosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, with increased awareness, the lives of those affected by Turner Syndrome can be greatly improved.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the essential role of the state in raising awareness of Turner Syndrome.

2. That the Legislature encourages the Nebraska Department of Health and

Human Services to continue working to educate people in Nebraska on the impact of Turner Syndrome including the necessity of early diagnosis and treatment.

3. That the Legislature encourages national action on Turner Syndrome to eliminate the condition's negative outcomes and improve support for those affected through increased research and educational initiatives.

4. That the Legislature recognizes February 2023 as Turner Syndrome Awareness Month.

5. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, and each member of Nebraska's congressional delegation.