

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 71**

Introduced by Wishart, 27; Dorn, 30; Hansen, B., 16; Riepe, 12; Walz, 15.

WHEREAS, almost one-fifth of the Nebraska population is over the age of sixty-five, the rate of growth of Nebraskans over the age of sixty-five is predicted to rise by approximately thirty-six percent by the year 2035, and aging Nebraskans deserve to have a variety of support options to choose as they age; and

WHEREAS, over 35,000 Nebraskans work in aging services in a variety of settings including: home care, home health, independent and assisted living, nursing facilities, adult day services, housing, government, universities, and nonprofit supports for those that are aging. These workers provide services through their careers as nurses, health care workers, housekeepers, dietary staff, social workers, maintenance professionals, administrators, and activity professionals; and

WHEREAS, aging services professionals have developed a passion for supporting and caring for aging Nebraskans in every aspect of their lives and advocate for aging Nebraskans to receive the best care possible through the systems and supports of their choice; and

WHEREAS, aging services professionals recognize that each person has a unique story to tell and wisdom to share, provide older adults with a friendly face and caring support, and help assure older adults are treated with dignity and respect throughout the rest of their lives; and

WHEREAS, a multitude of careers exist in aging services including direct services, health care, education, administration, and support positions, thousands of Nebraskans have found rewarding careers in aging services, and there is a need for more Nebraskans to find a career in aging services with a larger aging population.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature recognizes the week of March 26 through April 1, 2023, as Careers in Aging Week in Nebraska and thanks all who have chosen careers in aging services.