

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 107

Introduced by Howard, 9; Adams, 24; Avery, 28.

WHEREAS, nationally more than one hundred sixty thousand students stay home from school each day for fear of being bullied; and

WHEREAS, bullying is the most common form of violence; and

WHEREAS, bullying causes deep psychological pain, and children who are bullied often experience low self-esteem, depression, physical problems, more frequent school absences, poor academic achievement, and increased school dropout rates; and

WHEREAS, bullying affects all children who experience and witness it; and

WHEREAS, a school-wide commitment to stop bullying can reduce bullying by more than fifty percent; and

WHEREAS, it takes a community to prevent the bullying of children; and

WHEREAS, National Bullying Prevention Month encourages communities nationwide to work together to increase awareness of the prevalence and impact of bullying on all children.

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

1. That October 2011 be designated as Nebraska School Bullying Prevention Month, with the intention that the issue of bullying and its prevention be discussed in Nebraska during that time.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the State Department of Education.