

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 391

Introduced by Avery, 28.

WHEREAS, childhood cancer is the leading cause of disease-related death among children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 13,000 new cases of childhood cancer diagnosed annually in the United States, and nearly 2,000 deaths of children and adolescents annually in the United States due to pediatric cancer; and

WHEREAS, the childhood cancer survival rate has improved from 58% thirty years ago to 83% in 2013; and

WHEREAS, about 1 in 500 young adults is a childhood cancer survivor, and nearly 2/3 of childhood cancer survivors later experience significant and chronic medical problems or develop secondary cancers as adults which result from the treatment of their original cancer; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer does not discriminate and spares no ethnic group, socio-economic class, or geographic region; and

WHEREAS, from 1991 to 2009, 1,695 Nebraska children and adolescents have been diagnosed with cancer, and 310 Nebraska children and adolescents have died from cancer.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes September 2014 as Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month in Nebraska.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mitchell Ahlschwede.