

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 337

Introduced by Bolz, 29; Crawford, 45; Krist, 10; Williams, 36.

WHEREAS, the observance of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is designed to increase the public's awareness and understanding of people who have developmental disabilities so that these citizens have increased access to employment, education, housing, and social opportunities; and

WHEREAS, service providers partner with the State of Nebraska to provide vocational, residential, and other services to over 4,500 people with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors, and coworkers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people; and

WHEREAS, the most effective way to increase this awareness is through everyone's active participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contributions; and

WHEREAS, opportunities for citizens with developmental disabilities to function as independently and productively as possible must be fostered in our community.

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

1. That the Legislature supports and proclaims March 2018 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

2. That the Legislature recognizes that our communities are stronger when everyone participates and encourages all citizens to support opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities that include full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities.