

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 121

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WHEREAS, Nebraska is suffering from an unprecedented natural disaster caused by blizzard conditions, widespread flooding, and high winds, which is profoundly affecting the livelihoods and living conditions of residents; and

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the character demonstrated by Nebraskans. Throughout history, neighbors have stepped up to meet challenges by volunteering in their communities, counties, regions, state, and country; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Corporation for National and Community Service, which administers AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and Disaster Services Unit programs, is "To improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering"; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps also help communities across the country prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural and man-made disasters; and

WHEREAS, ServeNebraska is an affiliate of the Corporation for National and Community Service and has a mission of "Mobilizing Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through volunteering, collaboration, and national service programs"; and

WHEREAS, The Disaster Services Unit leads coordinated and collaborative disaster-related efforts with federal, state, and local governments, nonprofits, faith-based and philanthropic organizations, and other partners; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps programs do more than move communities forward, they

serve their members by creating jobs and providing pathways to opportunity as participants enter the workforce. AmeriCorps places people into intensive service positions where they learn valuable skills, earn money for education, and develop a strong sense of civic responsibility; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps teams from across the country have arrived to support recovery and relief efforts throughout Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes and thanks AmeriCorps and Senior Corps for the rapid response and for serving alongside Nebraskans in this time of need, offering their talents, their passion for service, and their commitment and dedication to serving our country at all times.

2. That the Legislature encourages all people to serve in a manner that has meaning and value to them personally and to their families, communities, state, and country.