

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 274**

Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

WHEREAS, the National Association of Letter Carriers began their one-day food drive in 1992; and

WHEREAS, for many years prior to 1992, a number of National Association of Letter Carriers branches collected food for the needy in the communities they served; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, ten cities were selected to explore a coordinated effort, and a pilot food drive was held in Columbus, Ohio, by Branch 78 of the National Association of Letter Carriers; and

WHEREAS, the pilot food drive was so successful that the food drive was then expanded nationwide; and

WHEREAS, a nationwide one-day food drive was organized for May 15, 1993, with the goal of having at least one National Association of Letter Carriers branch participate in each state; and

WHEREAS, more than 220 National Association of Letter Carriers branches participated in the first national one-day food drive and set a one-day record for food collection in the United States by collecting more than 11,000,000 pounds of food; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the National Association of Letter Carriers collected over 71,600,000 pounds of food to help restock food banks, pantries, and shelters throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, 2018 marked the 15th consecutive year that the nation's largest one-day food drive collected more than 70,000,000 pounds of food; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Letter Carriers one-day food drive has collected more than 1,670,000,000 pounds of food since it began in 1993; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Letter Carriers one-day food drive occurs on the second Saturday in May each year; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 560,000 pounds of food was collected across Nebraska this year; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Letter Carriers and Nebraska Post Office branches partnered with many organizations to bring the "Stamp Out Hunger" event to the State of Nebraska. The partnering organizations include the AFL-CIO, Nebraska AFL-CIO Central Labor Councils and Federations, Big Chuck Trucking LLC, Enterprise Truck Rental, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 22, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 265, Kellogg's, the National Electrical Contractors Association-Nebraska, Penske Truck Rental, Valassis, Valpak, United Food and Commercial Workers, United States Postal Service, Nebraska Center for Workforce Development and Education, United Way of the Midlands, United Way of Lincoln and Lancaster County, and local area food pantries.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the National Association of Letter Carriers' one-day food drive.
2. That the Legislature honors the National Association of Letter Carriers for their distinguished community service and philanthropic efforts.
3. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Nebraska affiliates of the National Association of Letter Carriers.