

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 353

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WHEREAS, Nebraska pioneering men and women, known as cowboys, helped establish America's frontiers; and

WHEREAS, the cowboy archetype transcends gender, generations, ethnicity, geographic boundaries, and political affiliations; and

WHEREAS, the cowboy embodies honesty, integrity, courage, compassion, and determination; and

WHEREAS, the cowboy Vaquero spirit exemplifies patriotism and strength of character; and

WHEREAS, the cowboy is an excellent steward of the land and its creatures; and

WHEREAS, the core values expressed within the Cowboy Code of Conduct continue to inspire the pursuit of the highest caliber of personal integrity; and

WHEREAS, cowboy and ranching traditions have been part of the American landscape and culture since 1523, and today's cowboys and cowgirls continue to strive to preserve and perpetuate this unique element of America's heritage; and

WHEREAS, annual attendance at rodeos exceeds thirty million fans worldwide; and

WHEREAS, membership and participation in the National Day of the Cowboy Organization and other organizations that encompass the livelihood of the cowboy, continue to expand both nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, the cowboy and his horse are a central figure in literature, art, film, poetry, photography, and music; and

WHEREAS, the cowboy is a true American icon occupying a central place in

the public's imagination.

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

1. That the Legislature expresses support for the designation of the 4th Saturday in July as the National Day of the Cowboy.
2. That the Legislature encourages the people of Nebraska to observe National Day of the Cowboy with appropriate ceremonies and activities.