

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 47

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WHEREAS, Northeast Community College has been selected to receive a grant targeted towards rural communities from National Endowment for the Arts Big Read, a partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts and Arts Midwest, and is working in collaboration with Arts Midwest; and

WHEREAS, Big Read in Northeast Nebraska is an opportunity for individuals in the region to read a book and create and attend workshops and events to heighten awareness and reduce stereotypes around disabilities and available services so that individuals with disabilities may seek the support they need. These activities take place at the main campus of Northeast Community College in Norfolk and the extended campuses of Northeast Community College in West Point, South Sioux City, and O'Neill; and

WHEREAS, Big Read in Northeast Nebraska offers a chance for Nebraska communities to learn more about supporting people with disabilities through the power of a shared reading experience; and

WHEREAS, the program is centered around events being held between February and May 2023 in Northeast Nebraska. Events will focus on disabilities in general, disability support services, accessibility, and promoting open dialogue leading to a deeper understanding of how best to respect and support one another; and

WHEREAS, Big Read in Northeast Nebraska aims to inspire meaningful conversations, artistic responses, and new discoveries and connections in the communities served by Northeast Community College to heighten awareness around disabilities and available services so individuals may seek the support they need to empower them to achieve their academic and workforce goals.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the importance of the Big Read project and the breadth of engagement across Northeast Nebraska.