

ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 212

Introduced by Avery, 28;

WHEREAS, the bioscience industry holds tremendous potential to provide the solutions to some of the world's most pressing problems, including providing new medicines and diagnostics, alternative fuel sources, and improvements in foods and technologies that make manufacturing cleaner and more efficient; and

WHEREAS, the bioscience industry in Nebraska encompasses a wide range, from world-class academic research and emerging biotechnology to device diagnostic companies, global pharmaceuticals, and agribusiness; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Nebraska was home to 244 bioscience companies, including twelve operational ethanol plants, that provide more than 9,500 jobs; and

WHEREAS, the exponential growth of the bioscience industry is creating new jobs and additional tax revenue for Nebraska and supporting the growth of our economy; and

WHEREAS, the employment rate in the bioscience industry is projected to rise by twenty-two percent over the next decade, providing high-quality job opportunities for Nebraskans.

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

1. That, beginning in 2008, the Legislature designates the third week of February as Biosciences Week in Nebraska.