

## ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 59

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WHEREAS, bullying is an unfortunate reality in Nebraska schools; and

WHEREAS, on any given day, in schools and on playgrounds across Nebraska, children are being victimized by their peers: From teasing, social rejection, and physical fights to text messaging and cyber-tormenting; and

WHEREAS, bullying causes deep psychological pain and children who are bullied often experience low self-esteem and depression as well as more frequent school absences, poor academic achievement, and increased school dropout rates; and

WHEREAS, children who engage in bully behavior often go on to engage in more destructive, antisocial behaviors as teens and adults; and

WHEREAS, incidents of school bullying in Nebraska schools can be reduced when students, teachers, and school administrators understand how to identify and manage bullying behavior through appropriate anti-bullying education and policy enforcement.

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

1. That the week of September 24-28, 2007, be designated

as Nebraska School Bullying Awareness Week, with the intention that the issue of bullying and its prevention be discussed in Nebraska during that time.

2. That the Clerk of the Legislature send a copy of this resolution to the State Department of Education.