

ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 65

Introduced by Howard, 9

WHEREAS, April, 2007, is National Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act defines child abuse and neglect as any act or failure to act on the part of a parent or caretaker that results in death, serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse or exploitation, or places the child at imminent risk of serious harm; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, 872,000 children nationally were victims of abuse or neglect and more than sixty percent of those child victims experienced neglect, almost eighteen percent were physically abused, ten percent were sexually abused, and seven percent were emotionally mistreated; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that nationwide approximately twelve in one thousand children are victims of abuse or neglect each year; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska received 13,897 reports of child abuse and neglect in 2005; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that the physical, emotional, social, and economic consequences associated with child abuse and neglect are life-long; and

WHEREAS, incidents of child neglect, physical abuse,

sexual abuse, and emotional mistreatment are preventable.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes April, 2007, as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Nebraska.

2. That during April, 2007, communities are encouraged to participate in activities designed to increase public awareness about the importance of child abuse prevention.