

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 369

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WHEREAS, prescription drug abuse is a growing and pervasive problem throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, drug-related deaths are more frequent than traffic fatalities in sixteen states; and

WHEREAS, teens abuse prescription drugs more than ecstasy, methamphetamine, crack cocaine, and heroin combined; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 4.7 million individuals abused prescription drugs for the first time in 2008; and

WHEREAS, prescription pain medication is the fastest growing addiction in the United States; and

WHEREAS, abuse of prescription drugs affects not only individuals, but also their families and communities.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes October 2010 as Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month in Nebraska.

2. That during October 2010 communities are encouraged to participate in activities designed to increase public awareness about the dangers of prescription drug abuse.