

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

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WHEREAS, in the United States, one in eight babies is born too soon; and

WHEREAS, prematurity is the number one killer of newborns; and

WHEREAS, premature birth can result in lifelong health effects, including cerebral palsy, mental retardation, chronic lung disease, blindness, and hearing loss; and

WHEREAS, the key to preventing and treating issues related to prematurity is education of parents and health care providers and research into prevention and causes; and

WHEREAS, there is much more work to be done.

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

1. That November 2011 be designated Prematurity Awareness Month in Nebraska. That during this month individuals, organizations, and communities are encouraged to engage in discussion and activities that raise awareness about the dangers of premature birth and its prevention.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the March of Dimes.