

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 12

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WHEREAS, in 2011, flooding along the Missouri River caused widespread and extensive damage to states bordering the river, including Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the flood damaged and destroyed many businesses, causing huge economic losses and destroying many people's livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, a large part of the economic losses in Nebraska was felt by the agricultural sector of the state, as many acres along the river were touched by the flood waters, resulting in huge crop losses for many of Nebraska's farmers. One study estimated that the economic impact of the flood on the state's agricultural sector was close to \$189 million in lost economic output; and

WHEREAS, the flood also forced many Nebraskans to abandon their homes and property. The resulting displacement and loss had a profound impact, both economically and emotionally, on far too many Nebraskans; and

WHEREAS, in the face of this tragedy, countless individuals, including volunteers, emergency responders, and local, state, and federal officials, stepped forward to help their fellow Nebraskans and the state deal with the flood's effects. The outstanding effort of these individuals was, and continues to be, crucial to helping the state address its problems and move forward.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the extensive damage to both people and property caused by the 2011 flooding of the Missouri River and extends its sympathy to those who were affected.

2. That the Legislature extends its gratitude to the many volunteers, emergency responders, and other government officials who have helped to deal with the flood's effects.

3. That the Legislature encourages the Governor of Nebraska, Dave Heineman, the governors of the other states affected by the Missouri River flooding, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the United States Congress, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to continue their efforts to develop preemptive measures and other policies and practices that will help to avoid such a disaster from ever happening again.

4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Heineman, the governors of the other states affected by the Missouri River flooding, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and each member of the Nebraska Congressional delegation.