

## ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 17**

Introduced by Campbell, 25.

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death for both men and women, within every ethnic population, in Nebraska, the United States, and the world, this year, killing more Americans than breast, prostate, colon, liver, and kidney cancers combined; and

WHEREAS, in the United States in 2010, an estimated 220,520 people were diagnosed with lung cancer, and an estimated 157,300 people died from lung cancer, accounting for about twenty-eight percent of all cancer deaths; and

WHEREAS, in Nebraska in 2010, approximately 1,200 people were diagnosed with lung cancer, and it is estimated that 900 people passed away from the disease; and

WHEREAS, for people diagnosed with any stage of lung cancer, the five-year survival rate is only fifteen percent, and for the fifty-six percent of people who are diagnosed with advanced disease, the five-year survival rate is less than five percent; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer causes include smoking, secondhand smoke, exposure to toxins and known carcinogens, and genetic abnormalities; and

WHEREAS, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that eighty percent of lung cancer cases are diagnosed in people who have quit smoking or who have never smoked; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer is a complex disease and treatment options differ, thus a multidisciplinary team approach and knowing as much as possible about the kind, stage, and molecular drivers of lung cancer will help determine the treatment necessary; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness and coordination among all stakeholders, including federal and state governments, providers, patient groups, medical researchers, community leaders and organizations, the public, and businesses, is critical to promote access to the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of lung cancer.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes November 2011 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in the State of Nebraska.