

## ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 23**

Introduced by Smith, 14; Fulton, 29; Harr, 8; Howard, 9; McCoy, 39; Mello, 5; Nelson, 6; Nordquist, 7; Price, 3.

WHEREAS, the life-affirming impact of pregnancy care centers on the women, men, children, and communities they serve is considerable and growing; and

WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers serve women in Nebraska and across the United States with integrity and compassion; and

WHEREAS, more than two thousand five hundred pregnancy care centers across the United States provide comprehensive care to women and men facing unplanned pregnancies, including resources to meet their physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs; and

WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers offer women free, confidential, and compassionate services, including pregnancy tests, peer counseling, twenty-four-hour telephone hotlines, childbirth and parenting classes, and referrals to community, health care, and other support services; and

WHEREAS, many medical pregnancy care centers offer ultrasounds and other medical services; and

WHEREAS, many pregnancy care centers provide information on adoption and adoption referrals to pregnant women; and

WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers provide women with compassionate and confidential peer counseling in a nonjudgmental manner regardless of their pregnancy outcomes; and

WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers provide important support and resources for women who choose childbirth; and

WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers ensure that women are receiving prenatal information and services that lead to the birth of healthy infants; and

WHEREAS, many pregnancy care centers work to prevent unplanned pregnancies by teaching effective abstinence education; and

WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers operate primarily through reliance on the voluntary donations and time of individuals who are committed to caring for the needs of women and children.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes pregnancy care centers for their unique and positive contributions to the individual lives of women, men, and children.

2. That the Legislature commends the compassionate work of tens of thousands of volunteers and paid staff at pregnancy care centers in Nebraska and across the United States.

3. That the Clerk of the Legislature transmit a copy of this resolution to each pregnancy care center in Nebraska.