

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 611**

Introduced by Mello, 5.

WHEREAS, since the founding of the State of Nebraska, innovation, creativity, industriousness, and entrepreneurship have formed the economic fiber of the state; and

WHEREAS, entrepreneurs have long been vital to the economic growth of the State of Nebraska by advancing innovation, improving productivity, and creating jobs; and

WHEREAS, the willingness of entrepreneurs to assume risk has resulted in unparalleled contributions to the development of the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, entrepreneur-led innovation has built and continues to sustain a critical Nebraska competitive advantage; and

WHEREAS, research shows that businesses five years or younger were responsible for nearly every net new job in America between 1982 and 2011; and

WHEREAS, collaboration and cooperation among a broad coalition of organizations, including nonprofit entrepreneurial incubators, angel investors, venture capitalists, crowdfunding initiatives, and other early-stage investors catalyzes entrepreneurial ventures; and

WHEREAS, support for entrepreneurs, including firms managed and owned by women and minorities, strengthens the overall economy of the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, entrepreneurial literacy skills are critical to success in communities and workplaces in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, positive outcomes for youth who participate in entrepreneurship education programs include improved academic performance, increased critical thinking skills, and heightened occupational aspirations; and

WHEREAS, entrepreneurs face regulatory barriers that state government and

state agencies must work to reduce so that all entrepreneurs in the State of Nebraska have a chance at success; and

WHEREAS, encouraging entrepreneurship and the creation of new firms serves as a foundation for economic growth in the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the third Tuesday in November has been recognized nationally as National Entrepreneurs' Day.

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

1. That the Legislature designates November 15, 2016, as Entrepreneurs' Day in Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature recognizes the considerable contributions of entrepreneurs and economic innovators to the State of Nebraska.