

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 467

Introduced by Hilkemann, 4.

WHEREAS, the Little People of America (LPA), a non-profit organization, is the nation's largest and oldest organization for people with dwarfism and is celebrating its 63rd anniversary in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Dwarfism is a medical condition made up of over 200 different types that results in shorter stature of the affected person; and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 100 people in Nebraska, 30,000 people in the United States, and 651,700 people in the world living with dwarfism; and

WHEREAS, the popularity of and the need for LPA is at a historic high, growing from twenty members in 1957, to more than eight thousand members in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska is a part of the LPA, District 9, and many Nebraskan little people contribute to the success of the district by providing ideas, advocacy, and attendance at events supporting little people; and

WHEREAS, LPA dedicates itself to improving the lives of those with dwarfism and provides support and resources to its members for issues such as adoption, parenting, medical needs, conference and educational scholarships, advocacy, and awareness for dwarfism; and

WHEREAS, little people make the world, the United States, and the state of Nebraska a better and more diverse place; and

WHEREAS, Little People of America celebrates National Dwarfism Awareness Month in October each year.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes October 2020, as Dwarfism Awareness Month and encourages celebration of this month to honor and reflect on the

contributions of little people in Nebraska.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the LPA, District 9.