

AMENDMENTS TO LR107

Introduced by Hunt, 8.

1 1. Strike the original provisions and insert the following new
2 provisions:

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

5 1. That we hereby reaffirm our solemn oaths of office by expressing
6 a firm resolution to maintain and defend the American people and the
7 right of all Nebraskans to an urgent, robust, and professional response
8 to the public health and attendant economic crises caused by the COVID-19
9 pandemic.

10 2. That we are greatly alarmed that a factious and contentious
11 spirit manifested itself in some former and current members of the state
12 and federal governments during the coronavirus emergency of 2019 and
13 2020, emanating both from the legislative and executive branches, with
14 the desire to obstruct the dissemination of scientific evidence regarding
15 the severity of the COVID-19 pandemic and methods for its mitigation.
16 This design appears to have no other end except to signal an adherence to
17 principles of personal liberty without regard for one's fellow human
18 beings, the obvious tendency and inevitable consequence of which would be
19 to contribute to hundreds of thousands of preventable deaths in the
20 several states.

21 3. That we extend our appreciation to the membership of the current
22 federal executive and legislative branches for decisive action taken to
23 produce pandemic relief policies, which are grounded in best practices in
24 science, medicine, and public health and promote common purpose, trust,
25 transparency, and accountability.

26 4. That we express appreciation for the efforts of Nebraska's
27 mayors, city councils, public health workers and officials, and other

1 local government workers who adhered to scientific best practices in
2 implementing mask requirements and safety measures designed to protect
3 our citizenry. We similarly appreciate the efforts of the University of
4 Nebraska Medical Center and all frontline healthcare workers who placed
5 themselves at extraordinary risk in serving the public during the
6 COVID-19 pandemic.

7 5. That we celebrate the widespread accessibility of the COVID-19
8 vaccination available to Americans at no cost and acknowledge that
9 society has reached this remarkable achievement as a result of the
10 diligent and sometimes thankless work of the scientists, doctors, and
11 frontline workers, each of whom played a vital role in reaching this
12 point.

13 6. That the Legislature requests cooperation from the Governor of
14 Nebraska, the Nebraska Attorney General, the President of the United
15 States, the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, the
16 Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States
17 House of Representatives, the Clerk of the United States House of
18 Representatives, and the presiding officers of each of the legislative
19 houses in the several states in defending the Constitution of the United
20 States, the several states, and the American people against future
21 pandemics.

22 7. That the Clerk of the Legislature shall transmit copies of this
23 resolution to the Governor of Nebraska, the Nebraska Attorney General,
24 the President of the United States, the President pro tempore of the
25 Senate, the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
26 United States House of Representatives, the Clerk of the United States
27 House of Representatives, and to the presiding officers of each of the
28 legislative houses in the several states.