

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 121

Introduced by Hunt, 8.

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

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

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

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

4. That we express appreciation for the efforts of Nebraska's mayors, city councils, public health workers and officials, and other local government workers who adhered to scientific best practices in implementing mask requirements and safety measures designed to protect our citizenry. We

similarly appreciate the efforts of the University of Nebraska Medical Center and all frontline healthcare workers who placed themselves at extraordinary risk in serving the public during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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

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