

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 31

Introduced by Geist, 25.

WHEREAS, an omphalocele is a birth defect that occurs early in pregnancy in which the abdominal wall does not close properly and some or most of the abdominal organs protrude into the umbilical cord; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that a small omphalocele occurs in about one out of every five thousand pregnancies and a large or giant omphalocele occurs in about one out of every ten thousand pregnancies; and

WHEREAS, an omphalocele may be isolated or may be associated with other defects or chromosomal abnormalities; and

WHEREAS, despite the challenges a baby born with an omphalocele may face, many survive and go on to live happy, healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, Mothers of Omphaloceles is a group of over four thousand parents from around the world that was created to provide hope and information to families with babies diagnosed with an omphalocele.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes Mothers of Omphaloceles for the tireless efforts undertaken to advocate for children with omphalocele and raise awareness that an omphalocele is a treatable condition.

2. That the Legislature recognizes International Omphalocele Awareness Day celebrated annually on January 31 as part of Birth Defects Prevention Month.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mothers of Omphaloceles.