

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 532

Introduced by Krist, 10.

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in both men and women in both the State of Nebraska and the United States; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer will take the lives of more Nebraskans each year than breast, prostate, colon, liver, and pancreatic cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, nationwide, former smokers and people who have never smoked comprise the majority of new cases of lung cancer each year; and

WHEREAS, nationwide, seventy percent of new lung cancer cases will be diagnosed at a late stage, with only a fifteen percent five-year survival rate; and

WHEREAS, a coordinated and comprehensive research effort is required to achieve increases in lung cancer survival rates; and

WHEREAS, early lung cancer diagnosis and management protocols exist, yet they have not been embraced as the standard of care; and

WHEREAS, funding for lung cancer research falls far short of that for other less-fatal diseases; and

WHEREAS, statistics show that veterans have a twenty-five percent greater chance of getting lung cancer than the general

population; and

WHEREAS, tobacco addiction and exposure to other lung cancer carcinogens such as Agent Orange and other herbicides and battlefield emissions are serious problems among military personnel and war veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Lung Cancer Alliance is the only national nonprofit organization dedicated solely to patient support and advocacy for people living with lung cancer and those at risk for the disease.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes November 2010 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in Nebraska.

2. That during November 2010 communities are encouraged to participate in activities designed to increase public awareness of lung cancer.

3. That Nebraskans are encouraged to do all they can to make lung cancer a national public health priority and offer compassion to people with lung cancer.

4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the National Cancer Alliance.