

## ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 174**

Introduced by Campbell, 25.

WHEREAS, National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day is May 9, 2013; and

WHEREAS, National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day is part of an initiative started in 2005 by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the United States Department of Health and Human Services to raise awareness of the importance of children's mental health; and

WHEREAS, a variety of Nebraska health care, social service, nonprofit, and other organizations have formed Project Relate as part of the national initiative to help raise awareness; and

WHEREAS, according to Project Relate, one out of five children in Nebraska is affected by mental health problems, and 23,000 children under the age of 17 in Nebraska have serious mental problems which account for five percent of our state's youth; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the third leading cause of death in Nebraska for young people between the ages of 8 and 24, and many Nebraska children affected by mental health problems are not getting the help that they need.

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

1. That the Legislature acknowledges that good mental health is essential to a child's healthy development beginning from birth and

supports initiatives which raise awareness of the importance of children's mental health.

2. That the Legislature recognizes May 9, 2013, as National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day.