

ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 240

Introduced by Pahls, 31.

WHEREAS, March is Lymphedema Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, lymphedema is an abnormal swelling associated with a malfunctioning lymphatic system which, if left untreated, is progressive and can become debilitating; and

WHEREAS, lymphedema can result from congenital factors, chronic circulatory problems, tissue trauma, injury, or surgery, especially in the treatment of cancer; and

WHEREAS, although there is no cure, effective treatment and education are available and can assist those living with lymphedema to live full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, the general public is largely unaware of lymphedema and its potential risks and treatment even though approximately three million people in the United States suffer daily from its effects; and

WHEREAS, this lack of awareness contributes to lymphedema sufferers having difficulty finding adequate medical care and obtaining fair and adequate insurance coverage for treatment, in particular payment for compression garments necessary for daily control of lymphedema and prevention of severe and potentially debilitating infections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE

HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature recognizes March of 2008 as Lymphedema Awareness Month in Nebraska.

2. That increased recognition and awareness will benefit those diagnosed with lymphedema in obtaining fair and adequate treatment and insurance coverage for this condition.