

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 358

Introduced by Howard, 9.

WHEREAS, an estimated 463,000 children are in out-of-home care in the United States; and

WHEREAS, National Foster Care Month has been celebrated throughout the United States since 1988; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of National Foster Care Month is to increase awareness about the needs of children and teens in foster care, issue a national call to action for individuals to create a positive impact on the lives of children in out-of-home care, raise positive awareness about the issues involved in the foster care system, and support year-round efforts of agencies and organizations involved in foster care; and

WHEREAS, National Foster Care Month recognizes the caring commitment of foster care families throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, National Foster Care Month also recognizes the significant challenges within the system and looks toward future solutions; and

WHEREAS, the theme of National Foster Care Month 2010 is to encourage individuals to give any time they can to do something positive that will change a life for a child in foster care.

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

HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature recognizes May 2010 as Foster Care Month in Nebraska and encourages communities to participate in activities designed to increase public awareness about foster care and rally around Nebraska's most vulnerable children.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Department of Health and Human Services.