

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 563

Introduced by Howard, 9.

WHEREAS, an estimated 3.2 million individuals are victims of bullying annually; and

WHEREAS, bullying is the most common form of violence; and

WHEREAS, fifty-six percent of students nationally have witnessed some type of bullying at school; and

WHEREAS, bullying causes deep psychological pain, and children who are bullied often experience low self-esteem, depression, physical problems, more frequent school absences, poor academic achievement, and increased school dropout rates; and

WHEREAS, school-wide commitment to stop bullying can reduce bullying by more than fifty percent; and

WHEREAS, it takes a community to prevent bullying of children; and

WHEREAS, National Bullying Prevention Awareness Week encourages communities nationwide to work together to increase awareness of the prevalence and impact of bullying on all children.

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

1. That the week of October 3 through October 10, 2010, be designated as Nebraska School Bullying Awareness Week, with

the intention that the issue of bullying and its prevention be discussed in Nebraska during that time.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the State Department of Education.