

## ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 85

Introduced by Howard, 9.

WHEREAS, every child deserves a loving, nurturing, and permanent home; and

WHEREAS, adoption gives children a brighter future than foster care, brings great joy to the adoptive parents, and places fewer demands on social services; and

WHEREAS, adoptive children often need extra patience and support to help them overcome previous hardships; and

WHEREAS, National Adoption Day is a collective national effort to raise awareness of the 129,000 children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families; and

WHEREAS, since 2000, National Adoption Day has made the dreams of thousands of children come true by working with courts, judges, attorneys, adoption professionals, child welfare agencies, and advocates to finalize adoptions and find permanent, loving homes for children in foster care; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, more than 325 events were held throughout the country to finalize over 4,500 adoptions of children in foster care and to celebrate all families who adopt; and

WHEREAS, in total, more than 25,000 children have been adopted from foster care on National Adoption Day.

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

HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature recognizes November 21, 2009, as Adoption Day in Nebraska.

2. That on this day communities are encouraged to participate in activities designed to increase public awareness about the benefits of adoption.