WHEREAS, the Sons of Italy hall was opened in 1926 and was forced to close due to damages resulting from a fire in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of Italy dining hall reopened in February of 2020; and

WHEREAS, the annual Santa Lucia Festival was founded in 1925 to give Italian immigrants a strong connection with their former country; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Santa Lucia Festival has been modified to accommodate the changes necessary to protect the health and well-being of attendees during COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the 96th Annual Santa Lucia Festival will take place on August 22 and 23, 2020.

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

1. The Legislature recognizes the cultural impact of the Santa Lucia Festival and Sons of Italy.

2. The Legislature extends congratulations on the reopening of the Sons of Italy hall and celebrates the 96th Annual Santa Lucia Festival.