

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 474**

Introduced by Arch, 14.

WHEREAS, saccular, fusiform, and dissecting aneurysms are bulging, weakened areas in the wall of an artery in the brain; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one out of every fifty individuals in the United States has a brain aneurysm; and

WHEREAS, brain aneurysms are most likely to occur in individuals between the ages of thirty-five and sixty; and

WHEREAS, there are typically no warning signs before the occurrence of a brain aneurysm; and

WHEREAS, brain aneurysms are more likely to occur in women than in men by a three-two ratio; and

WHEREAS, young and middle-aged African Americans have a higher risk of brain aneurysm rupture when compared to young and middle-aged Caucasians in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the combined lost wages of survivors of brain aneurysm ruptures and their caretakers for one year is an estimated \$149,936,118; and

WHEREAS, various risk factors can contribute to the formation of a brain aneurysm, including smoking, hypertension, and a family history of brain aneurysms; and

WHEREAS, an unruptured brain aneurysm can lead to double vision, vision loss, loss of sensation, weakness, loss of balance, incoordination, and speech problems; and

WHEREAS, a brain aneurysm is often discovered when it ruptures and causes a subarachnoid hemorrhage; and

WHEREAS, a subarachnoid hemorrhage can lead to brain damage, hydrocephalus, stroke, and death; and

WHEREAS, each year, more than 30,000 individuals in the United States suffer from ruptured brain aneurysms, approximately 50 percent of whom die as a result; and

WHEREAS, annually, between 3,000 and 4,500 individuals in the United States with ruptured brain aneurysms die before reaching the hospital; and

WHEREAS, a number of advancements have been made in recent years regarding the detection of brain aneurysms, including the computerized tomography scan, the magnetic resonance imaging test, and the cerebral arteriogram; and

WHEREAS, early detection of brain aneurysms can save lives; and

WHEREAS, various research studies are being conducted in the United States in order to better understand, prevent, and treat brain aneurysms; and

WHEREAS, the Brain Aneurysm Foundation, a nonprofit organization, remains a globally recognized leader for brain aneurysm awareness, education, support, advocacy, and research funding; and

WHEREAS, the month of September has been designated as National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes September as National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Brain Aneurysm Foundation.