

AMENDMENTS TO LR107

Introduced by Hunt, 8.

1 1. Strike the original provisions and insert the following new
2 provisions:

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

5 1. That we hereby reaffirm our solemn oaths of office by expressing
6 a firm resolution to maintain and defend the right of every child in
7 America to have access to nutritious meals, including our full support
8 for state and federal legislation targeted at addressing childhood
9 hunger.

10 2. That we express distress at Nebraska's outdated, moralistic, and
11 unpopular law preventing access to food assistance for people who have
12 completed terms of parole, probation, or post-release supervision for a
13 past drug conviction. We further recognize that the ban, which only some
14 states have adopted, is rooted in systemic racism and the failed War on
15 Drugs.

16 3. That we commend the strategy revealed by the federal executive
17 branch in the American Families Plan to take decisive action to mitigate
18 childhood hunger by providing children and their parents with nutritional
19 resources year-round, regardless of whether the children are in the
20 classroom. We celebrate the Biden administration's plan to expand the
21 Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer for Children Program and make this
22 program permanent, expand programs that offer free school meals to all
23 children, and institute automatic eligibility for free school meals.

24 4. That we further commend the executive branch for including
25 measures in its American Families Plan that would provide much-needed
26 assistance to low-income households, including restoring access to the
27 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for individuals with certain

1 drug convictions, many of whom are parents of children facing food
2 insecurity. We recognize that it is the children who stand to benefit
3 most as a result of this policy change with regard to their academic
4 performance and health outcomes.

5 5. That access to quality food for parents and their children facing
6 economic insecurity is a fundamental component of the values expounded in
7 the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which
8 states that "No person shall be . . . deprived of life, liberty, or
9 property, without due process of law . . ." and that the right to be free
10 from hunger is inextricable from the right of liberty and the obtainment
11 of happiness as enumerated and recognized by the founders of this nation.

12 6. That the Legislature requests cooperation from the Governor of
13 Nebraska, the Nebraska Attorney General, the President of the United
14 States, the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, the
15 Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States
16 House of Representatives, the Clerk of the United States House of
17 Representatives, and the presiding officers of each of the legislative
18 houses in the several states in defending the Constitution of the United
19 States, the several states, and the American people in the fight against
20 hunger.

21 7. That the Clerk of the Legislature shall transmit copies of this
22 resolution to the Governor of Nebraska, the Nebraska Attorney General,
23 the President of the United States, the President pro tempore of the
24 Senate, the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
25 United States House of Representatives, the Clerk of the United States
26 House of Representatives, and to the presiding officers of each of the
27 legislative houses in the several states.