

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 142

Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

WHEREAS, the Myositis Association is organizing a nationwide observance of Myositis Awareness Month in May 2025; and

WHEREAS, residents of Nebraska are among those affected by myositis and other rare diseases; and

WHEREAS, idiopathic inflammatory myopathies, collectively referred to as myositis, are rare, chronic, autoimmune muscle wasting diseases and often feature debilitating muscle inflammation and other symptoms such as pain, fatigue, trouble swallowing, and can result in myositis-associated interstitial lung disease; and

WHEREAS, more research is needed to identify the causes of and modes of treatments for the myositis group of diseases; and

WHEREAS, myositis is difficult to diagnose, treatment is often delayed, and individuals experience difficulty finding a health care provider; and

WHEREAS, all who suffer from myositis experience reduced quality of life and shortened life expectancy; and

WHEREAS, women and people of color with all forms of myositis experience particularly pronounced health disparities; and

WHEREAS, the Myositis Association is the leading international patient advocacy organization serving the myositis community, focusing on patient services, education, research, and public awareness, so as to achieve a world without myositis.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes May 2025 as Myositis Awareness Month in Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature expresses support for all people affected by myositis.