

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 329

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WHEREAS, advanced nuclear energy technologies represent a transformative opportunity to bolster Nebraska's energy security and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska is the only one hundred percent public power state, has strong national rankings for low-cost and highly reliable electric service, and is open to new advancements in nuclear technology to enhance energy independence and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the importance of nuclear energy as a reliable and clean source of power generation to meet the energy needs of future generations has engaged development of state policies to support advanced nuclear energy development over the next decade; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska is proud to be home to the Cooper Nuclear Station and to ongoing nuclear energy research and innovation led by the University of Nebraska and other partners committed to advancing safe and sustainable energy technologies; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska is a member of the National Association of State Energy Officials and the Advanced Nuclear State Collaborative, and is part of the Advanced Nuclear First Mover Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Public Power District, Omaha Public Power District, and Lincoln Electric System have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to form the Great Plains New Nuclear Consortium which will explore the feasibility and development of deploying between one thousand and two thousand megawatts of new nuclear generation technology within Nebraska to serve the needs of utilities in the Southwest Power Pool market footprint; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Public Power District is currently finalizing a nuclear feasibility siting study funded through the Legislature and the

Nebraska Department of Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska's competitive edge is anchored in the strategic and collaborative partnership among the military, state leadership, public power utilities, chambers of commerce, and private industry driving innovation, energy resilience, and national security alignment; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the essential role of reliable, affordable, resilient, and available energy in supporting our state's quality of life through an increasingly diverse economy with its growing agricultural, commercial, industrial, and agricultural foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the need to create economic opportunity and fortify Nebraska's energy future through advanced nuclear energy development to enhance Nebraska's prosperity and energy security.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the month of January 2026 as Nuclear Power Month in Nebraska.
2. That the Legislature honors the service of the public power employees and retirees who work or have worked with and in nuclear facilities across Nebraska to ensure affordable and reliable energy for ratepayers.