

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 424

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WHEREAS, Deepavali, also commonly known as Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is one of the largest and most anticipated holidays in Indian tradition and is celebrated every autumn during the Hindu lunar month of Ashwayuja, also known as Ashwin; and

WHEREAS, Deepavali is celebrated over five days, each day having particular significance and traditions, and the rituals of highest importance occur on the third day; and

WHEREAS, Deepavali is celebrated as a day of thanksgiving, marks the beginning of the new year in the Hindu community, and is celebrated by bringing families together, giving gifts, and celebrating other familial traditions; and

WHEREAS, Deepavali is a uniting force, as it is celebrated by the majority of people from India, regardless of their faith, and is celebrated by more than one billion people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Deepavali is recognized as an enduring symbol of the triumph of goodness, light, and knowledge over wickedness and darkness; and

WHEREAS, the vibrant Hindu community contributes tremendously to the vitality of the State of Nebraska by enriching the lives of its citizens.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the celebration of Deepavali and its significance to all Nebraskans who celebrate the holiday.