

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 499

Introduced by Bostar, 29.

WHEREAS, asthma and allergies of all kinds affect millions in the United States every year; and

WHEREAS, nearly twenty million people in the United States currently have asthma, and of those people over one hundred thousand adults and children reside in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, skin allergies, seasonal allergies, and food allergies affect over one hundred million people, of which more than eighty-two million are diagnosed with seasonal allergies; and

WHEREAS, asthma is one of the most common noncommunicable diseases among children and is the leading cause of hospitalizations and school absences due to a chronic disease among children; and

WHEREAS, one million individuals visit emergency departments because of asthma's effects each year; and

WHEREAS, the total annual economic cost for asthma in the United States is close to one hundred fifteen billion dollars, for nasal allergies it is more than three million dollars, and for food allergies it is nearly four hundred billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, individuals from minority communities in the United States face the highest burden of asthma; and

WHEREAS, children with food allergies are two to four times more likely to have asthma or other allergic diseases; and

WHEREAS, people with asthma and food allergies need access to affordable health insurance and to the medications and devices they need at affordable prices; and

WHEREAS, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America designates each May

as National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month to educate the public about asthma and allergic diseases, risk factors, symptoms, and treatment.

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 May 2026 as National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month.

2. That the Legislature encourages citizens to celebrate individuals in their communities who suffer from asthma and allergies.