

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 86

Introduced by Vargas, 7.

WHEREAS, the week of April 5-11, 2021, is National Public Health Week; and

WHEREAS, the theme this year for National Public Health Week, in the midst of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, is "Building Bridges to Better Health"; and

WHEREAS, Nebraskans rely on local public health professionals to help communities prevent, prepare for, withstand, and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats; and

WHEREAS, the work of local public health professionals includes stopping the spread of communicable diseases; establishing local prevention programs to address chronic disease and prevent injuries; responding to public health emergencies and natural and human-caused disasters; working with partners to improve local community services, such as healthcare, education, housing, and employment opportunities; and reaching out to people who are at greatest risk for having poor health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has required extraordinary effort on the part of the leadership and staff of Nebraska's local public health departments; and

WHEREAS, the public health professionals of Nebraska's local public health departments have risen to the unprecedented challenges of the past year, working tirelessly to protect all who live in Nebraska from the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, due to their efforts, local public health professionals have spent an exceptional amount of time away from their families and loved ones to care for others during the course of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes April 5-11, 2021, as National Public Health Week.

2. That the Legislature thanks the leadership and staff of Nebraska's local public health departments for their service to their communities and to the State of Nebraska.

3. That the Legislature thanks the families of Nebraska's local public health workforce for the sacrifices they have made to support family members who carry out core functions of public health, including responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.