

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 458

Introduced by Johnson, 23; Kolterman, 24; Stinner, 48; Williams, 36.

WHEREAS, the National Historic Preservation Act (P.L. 89-665) was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on October 15, 1966, thereby establishing the framework for inventorying and preserving America's historic buildings, districts, landscapes, and archeological sites; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Legislature accepted the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act the following year and selected the Nebraska State Historical Society to fulfill the state's responsibilities under the Act; and

WHEREAS, this partnership has allowed Nebraska's preservation program to identify and address the needs specific to our state, including a state income tax credit, a property tax valuation incentive for owners of historic properties that are rehabilitated, and investment in "main street" communities and urban centers; and

WHEREAS, this state and federal partnership has since expanded to include local governments and tribal initiatives in historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska State Historical Society today maintains a statewide comprehensive survey and inventory representing all of Nebraska's 93 counties and over 92,000 places significant in Nebraska prehistory and history; and

WHEREAS, the National Register of Historic Places, also created by the National Historic Preservation Act, contains more than 1,000 historic properties and districts in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska State Historical Society has developed an effective and efficient means to avoid or mitigate the impacts of federal projects on Nebraska's historic places; and

WHEREAS, federal historic tax credits have resulted in the rehabilitation of hundreds of historic buildings for a diversity of housing and commercial uses in downtowns and older neighborhoods in Nebraska communities large and

small; and

WHEREAS, community development, diversity, heritage tourism, and local pride of place are critical components of the state program; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska joins with thousands of public, private, and nonprofit sector partners in commemorating the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act throughout 2016 under the banner of "Preservation50" to celebrate the first five decades of the nation's preservation program and to ensure a strong future for historic preservation efforts.

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

1. That the Legislature hereby acknowledges the national, state, local, and tribal partnerships established by the National Historic Preservation Act during the year of the 50th anniversary of its passage.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the United States Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the National Park Service, the Preservation50 Advisory Committee, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the Nebraska State Historical Society, as an expression of the Legislature's appreciation for the significance of the Act and its many benefits for the people of the State of Nebraska.