

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 462

Introduced by Hadley, 37.

WHEREAS, Canada and the United States share a rich and vibrant history, founded on the values of freedom, the rule of law, and democracy, as well as a commitment to security and defense partnerships both in North America and abroad; and

WHEREAS, Canada and the State of Nebraska enjoy robust and flourishing ties based upon culture, sport, education, agriculture, innovation, and a mutual appreciation for the beauty and bounty of our prairies and plains; and

WHEREAS, both Canada, celebrating 150 years of Confederation, and the State of Nebraska, celebrating 150 years of Statehood, will observe historic milestones in the year 2017; and

WHEREAS, Canada is the largest customer of the United States, with a combined \$760 billion in goods and services traded between the two nations, and there are nearly nine million jobs in the United States that depend on trade and investment with our nation's northern neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Canada is the leading export market for the State of Nebraska, with a combined \$2.4 billion in merchandise trade between Nebraska and Canada, which is part of the broader trade and investment relationship with Canada that supports 57,400 Nebraska jobs; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Nebraska and Canada are closely connected through family ties, travel, and tourism, with Canadians spending \$21 million during 85,600 visits to Nebraska in 2013.

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

1. That the Legislature acknowledges the long and rich history of friendship and commerce between the State of Nebraska and the neighboring

nation of Canada by proclaiming March 15, 2016, Canada Day at the Nebraska State Capitol.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Consul General of Canada in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the Ambassador of Canada to the United States of America, and the Secretary of the State of Nebraska.