

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 85

Introduced by Sanders, 45; Aguilar, 35; Albrecht, 17; Arch, 14; Blood, 3; Bostelman, 23; Brandt, 32; Brewer, 43; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Day, 49; DeBoer, 10; Dorn, 30; Erdman, 47; Friesen, 34; Geist, 25; Gragert, 40; Halloran, 33; Hansen, B., 16; Hansen, M., 26; Hilke, 4; Hilke, 4; Hughes, 44; Hunt, 8; Lathrop, 12; Lindstrom, 18; Linehan, 39; Lowe, 37; McDonnell, 5; McKinney, 11; Morfeld, 46; Moser, 22; Pansing Brooks, 28; Slama, 1; Stinner, 48; Vargas, 7; Walz, 15; Williams, 36; Wishart, 27.

WHEREAS, The United States of America consists of people from all over the world who have chosen to make this country their home; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska communities were founded and established by people of a wide variety of races, ethnicities, ages, religions, and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Nebraskans value residents of all religions, ancestries, and ethnicities; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska is a welcoming state for people from diverse backgrounds, including Asian-Americans; and

WHEREAS, since the 2010 census, the number of Asian-Americans living in Nebraska has grown by over twenty-three percent, from approximately 33,000 people in 2010 to nearly 41,000 people in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Asian-Americans and people of Asia-Pacific descent live and work in communities all across this state, contribute to the economy of this state, and have children who attend public and private schools in this state; and

WHEREAS, in both 2018 and 2019, according to the Nebraska Crime Commission, there were zero reported hate crimes against Asian-Americans in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, there are significant and growing concerns in the Asian-American community based upon recent national reports of a rise in anti-Asian-American hate crimes; and

WHEREAS, Nebraskans reject racism and bigotry and affirm our commitment to a diverse, supportive, inclusive, and protective community and state; and

WHEREAS, Nebraskans want to reassure residents and visitors that this state celebrates diversity and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, Nebraskans will not tolerate any prejudice, racism, bigotry, hatred, bullying, or violence towards any groups within our state; and

WHEREAS, Nebraskans extend our sympathy, empathy, and support to any victim of discrimination or violence based on prejudice or race-motivated hate.

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

1. That the Legislature rejects hate, discrimination, and acts of violence, including violence against Asian-Americans, based on race, national origin, or religion.