

A Resolution of the _____ Supporting the Principles of *Nebraskans United for Property Tax Reform and Education* and Urging the Nebraska Legislature and the Governor to Reduce Nebraska's Reliance on Property Taxes for Funding K-12 Education

Duly approved on _____

WHEREAS, education reduces poverty, boosts economic growth, increases income, and is one of the most important investments a state can make in its citizens and future and;

WHEREAS, Nebraska ranks 49th among all states in the percentage of K-12 funding that comes from state resources (Nebraska K-12 schools receive only 33 percent of their funding from state sources while the national average is 47 percent) and;

WHEREAS, more than 60 percent of all property taxes collected in the state of Nebraska are utilized for the funding of K-12 education and;

WHEREAS, Nebraska's reliance on property taxes for funding K-12 schools is considerably higher than that of the national average (49 percent of Nebraska K-12 funding comes from local property taxes while the national average is 29 percent) and;

WHEREAS, Nebraskans pay the seventh highest property tax rate in the nation and;

WHEREAS, Nebraska has become far too reliant on property taxes to fund government services, including K-12 education and;

WHEREAS, Nebraska's three-legged tax stool is woefully out of balance, with property taxes accounting for 48 percent of the total combined collections of property, state sales, and state income taxes, used for the funding of education and government services and;

WHEREAS, Nebraskans deserve a tax system that is fair and balanced and one which reduces the overall property tax burden on its citizens, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the _____ supports the principles of *Nebraskans United for Property Tax Reform and Education* stating that

1. Adequate and sustainable funding of high quality education is imperative for the future of Nebraska.
2. Tax reform which reduces the over-reliance on local property taxes is necessary to ensure our tax system is fair to all Nebraska taxpayers.

RESOLVED FURTHER, the Nebraska Legislature and the Governor take action during the 2017 legislative session to reduce property taxes and better balance Nebraska's tax system.

It is hereby certified by the undersigned that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the _____

Signature

Printed Name

Date
