

**Nebraska RESOLUTION**  
**Commending the National Historic Preservation Act.**

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 assigned 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, investment in "main street" communities and urban centers, and

WHEREAS, this state-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 hundreds of historic buildings rehabilitated 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 working to ensure a strong future for historic preservation efforts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Nebraska State Legislature hereby acknowledges the national, state, local and tribal partnerships established by the National Historic Preservation Act on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of passage; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, Director of the National Park Service, Preservation50 Advisory Committee, 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 extended to the people of the State of Nebraska.

