

**RESOLUTION SUPPORT UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA FUNDING
LB327, STATE GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR BIENNIUM BUDGET 2017-2019
April 25, 2017**

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is committed to achieving our mission to lead the world in transforming lives to create a productive and successful future for all individuals and communities through premier educational programs; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska educates and trains the majority of college graduates working in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska has 189, 000 alumni living and contributing to the economy of the State of Nebraska in fields as diverse as agriculture, engineering and information technology, nursing, allied health, business and other fields, and also trains the majority of other college graduates working in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska has an economic impact of generating at least \$3.9 billion annually and supports more than 54, 000 jobs in Nebraska directly or indirectly and provides an excellent return on investments;

WHEREAS, maintaining facilities and a stable budget is vital to attracting and retaining the best faculty and researchers to the University of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the best faculty is key to attracting the best students; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska, recognizes the projected lower state revenues and is working to reduce spending in the next biennium; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska is already absorbing a \$13 million cut to the current year budget that was sought by the Governor and approved by the Legislature; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate representing the University of Nebraska-Lincoln urges the members of the Nebraska Legislature to support state funding for the University of Nebraska.

Approved by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Faculty Senate - April 25, 2017



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