

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is committed to achieving the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's three primary missions of teaching, research, and service; and

WHEREAS, as the University of Nebraska–Lincoln serves as the State of Nebraska's flagship institution, providing leadership throughout the state through quality education, and the generation and application of new knowledge; and

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

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska graduates over 11,000 students annually, with over 5,300 graduates from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, who help grow Nebraska's economy in numerous ways; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska through its University of Nebraska–Lincoln campus has over 200,000 alumni living and contributing to the State of Nebraska in fields as diverse as agriculture, engineering and information technology, nursing, allied health, business, and other fields; and

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

WHEREAS, maintaining quality facilities and a stable budget are 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 top students; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska acknowledges the need for the wise use of limited state revenues and continues to reduce spending through the utilization of efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed budget eliminating \$11 million for FY17-18 and \$23.2 million for FY18-19 would be detrimental to the University of Nebraska and the State of Nebraska;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate representing the University of Nebraska–Lincoln urges the senators of the Nebraska Legislature to support state funding for the University of Nebraska for the benefit of Nebraskans now and in the future.

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