



# NEBRASKA

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## NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

### RESOLUTION RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF PAT BRACKEN

**WHEREAS**, Pat Bracken has contributed to the quality of Vocational Rehabilitation Services provided to individuals with disabilities during his 44-year tenure as a Nebraska Department of Education employee.

**WHEREAS**, Pat's commitment to Nebraska VR's mission, vision and values, was evident in how he carried out his daily work responsibilities and how he encouraged others to do the same.

**WHEREAS**, Pat has been a leader and an innovator resulting in improved services for individuals with disabilities such as implementing the use of the Ticket Tracker which resulted in Social Security reimbursements of up to \$1.2 million annually for Nebraska VR to provide services to more VR clients.

**WHEREAS**, Pat was the primary advocate for creating a more employee-responsive work environment which resulted in educational opportunities and flexible scheduling to improve recruitment and retention of staff.

#### THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

**THAT**, the Nebraska State Board of Education recognizes Pat Bracken's contributions, dedication, and service to Nebraska VR and to individuals with disabilities.

#### On behalf of the State Board of Education

Rachel Wise

Rachel Wise, President

June 3, 2016

Date

Lillie Larsen

Lillie Larsen, Vice President

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