WHEREAS, Constitutional Amendment 5 recognizes early childhood education and provides an ongoing stable source of funding to benefit the state’s youngest citizens.

WHEREAS, Constitutional Amendment 5 provides the interest and earnings on $40 million for the permanent school fund to secure an additional $20 million in matching private funds to support and expand early childhood education in Nebraska.

WHEREAS, The potential for $2.4 million in ongoing funds would help Nebraska meet the educational needs of more children birth to age five.

WHEREAS, The involvement of a groundbreaking, public-private partnership in early childhood education would strengthen the delivery of programs and services for Nebraska’s youngest, at-risk children in communities across the state.

WHEREAS, The State Board of Education expects and believes that the expenditures of ongoing funds will be carefully administered and closely monitored to assure that fund purposes are properly met.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Nebraska State Board of Education supports Constitutional Amendment 5.

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On behalf of the State Board of Education, Fred Meyer, President

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