



NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Resolution to Recognize the 75th Anniversary of the GI Bill and Commend its Importance in Providing Equity to Nebraskans

WHEREAS, This year marks the 75th anniversary of the signing of the WWII-era Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, better known as the GI Bill of Rights or "the GI Bill", by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt on June 22, 1944;

WHEREAS, The GI Bill provided higher education, job training, and home-ownership within reach for millions of WWII veterans; by 1951 nearly eight million veterans received educational and training benefits, and 2.4 million received \$13 billion in federal loans for homes, farms, and businesses. The GI Bill was later adjusted to include veterans of the Korean and Vietnam wars and has expanded to all who have served in the Armed Forces;

WHEREAS, In the decades following WWII, the GI Bill has bettered the lives of ex-servicemen and women, along with millions of dependents, through educational opportunities including vocational training and access to colleges and universities; attaining the American dream of home-ownership and starting a farm or business; readjustment allowances, and access to health care;

WHEREAS, GI Bill benefits for education and training assist beneficiaries with meeting costs of tuition, books, supplies and housing for non-college degree programs, traditional degree programs, apprenticeships, on-the-job training or other quality career development programs, providing equity to Veterans;


WHEREAS, The GI Bill currently benefits more than 7,000 veterans in Nebraska;

WHEREAS, Approximately 130 instructional institutions and training facilities provide education to veterans and eligible persons in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Let us remember our sacred debt to our veterans and remember that when we give them the chance to excel, there is no limit to what they might accomplish; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education does hereby acknowledge 2019 as the Diamond Anniversary of the GI Bill and commends citizens to take due note of this celebration.

Signed on behalf of the Nebraska State Board of Education, this 9th day of August 2019.


John Witzel, President


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