

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1730

A RESOLUTION designating February 2, 2022, as Envision Day to recognize Envision's life-changing research, support and programming for the blind and visually impaired community.

WHEREAS, Across Kansas, there are approximately 70,000 people who are blind or visually impaired, and more than half are unemployed due to lack of inclusive job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Envision strives to improve the quality of life for people of all ages who are blind or visually impaired; and

WHEREAS, Envision was established in 1933, amid the Great Depression, as the Wichita Workshop and Training School to enable adults who were blind to make and sell their own products, thereby providing a fulfilling and inspirational purpose for the blind and visually impaired community; and

WHEREAS, Envision helps adults who are blind or visually impaired to acquire professional skills to enter into the workforce; and

WHEREAS, Through the power of employment, Envision helps adults who are blind or visually impaired gain life skills and relevant work training for jobs, including the production of high-quality, American-made products; and

WHEREAS, Envision facilitates opportunities for adults who are blind or visually impaired and enriches communities through innovative outreach, rehabilitation and research programs; and

WHEREAS, Envision's College Success program was developed to help students who are blind or visually impaired receive the resources the students need to make the most of their college experience and achieve their goals; and

WHEREAS, Opened on January 5, 2022, the Envision Art Gallery features an artist in residency program, which is designed to connect the blind and visually impaired community to other artists working within the community of Wichita; and

WHEREAS, Members of the program have showcased their work in the Envision Art Gallery, and the members work together with Envision Arts to help create more accessibility in the art world; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who are blind, visually impaired or have disabilities navigate through societal misconceptions on a daily basis due to a lack of general education; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that we break down stereotypes while building understanding about this important group of citizens: Now, therefore,

***Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we designate February 2, 2022, as Envision Day to honor and encourage the continuation of Envision's life-changing research, support and programming for the blind and visually impaired community; and**

***Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Terese Goren, Michael Monteferrante, Charles Wilks and Senators Ware and Faust-Goudeau.**

Senate Resolution No. 1730 was sponsored by Senators Mary Ware and Oletha Faust-Goudeau.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.