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### **“Holland Children’s Movement Honors Legislators at Second Annual Honor Roll Awards”**

**OMAHA, NE** - Today, Holland Children's Movement, a nonpartisan Nebraska nonprofit 501(c)(4) organization releases its “Legislative Scorecard,” ranking legislators’ votes for or against child and family related bills in the 2019 legislative session.

“We are excited to be honoring 22 of 49 state senators at this year’s Holland Honor Roll Awards” said Hadley Richters, Chief Executive Officer of Holland Children’s Movement. “These elected officials have demonstrated broad and bipartisan support for legislation that takes us closer to ‘the good life’ for ALL Nebraska’s children and families by furthering equity and access to critical state programs and services,” said Richters.

Twenty-two state senators scoring 100 percent will be recognized at a Holland Honor Roll Awards program, hosted by the Movement, at Kaneko, located at 1111 Jones Street, Omaha, NE 68102, from 6pm to 8pm on October 24, 2019. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available by registration at [www.hollandmovement.org/HonorRoll2019](http://www.hollandmovement.org/HonorRoll2019).

The results of the 2019 scorecard rank nearly 50 percent of Nebraska’s legislators as achieving a 100 percent. The Movement prioritized 10 bills from the 2019 legislative session. Bill priorities included the Children of Nebraska Hearing Aid Act (LB 15); early childhood education zoning regulations (LB 66); amendment(s) to the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act to include early childhood infrastructure funding (LB 160); expansion of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits access (LB 169); the state’s mainline appropriations bill for the biennium (LB 294); prohibition of employee discrimination and retaliation for reports based on the Wage and Hour Act or the Wage Payment and Collection Act (LB 361); the required remittance of a tenant’s security deposit and a written itemization within 14 days (LB 433); require no additional populations or services be added to the at-risk capitated managed care program until its effectiveness is demonstrated (LB 468); streamlining of the process by which Department of Health and Human Services staff verify the training and credentials of licensed childcare providers (LB 590); and requirements of the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Correctional Services to establish a protocol to assist individuals who are eligible for medical parole (LB 726).

The Movement is thankful to all Nebraska elected officials who prioritize the needs of children and families in our state government and legislative processes. The Movement hopes to continue providing important research and analysis to support equitable and responsible public policy.

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**About Holland Children's Movement:**

The Holland Children's Movement works to ensure Nebraska children and families are prioritized in budget and policy decisions through strategic advocacy, public engagement and effective collaboration. With your support, we aspire to a vision where in Nebraska, all working families and children have the opportunity to succeed. The Holland Children's Movement is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization.

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