STATE OF NEBRASKA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, — *Commencing on March 6, 2020 and continuing, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has impacted the entire State of Nebraska. COVID-19 has spread across the country with cases being confirmed within the borders of Nebraska. This emergency can strain the abilities of state and local governments to meet the needs of the citizens and respond to the pandemic; and*

WHEREAS, — *The actions necessary to assist in meeting the emergency conditions and subsequent impacts of these events present a burden upon the entire State of Nebraska; and*

NOW THEREFORE, — *Under the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-829.40, which confers emergency responsibilities and powers upon the Governor, I, Pete Ricketts, as Governor of the State of Nebraska do hereby declare that a state of emergency exists within the State of Nebraska; and*

NOW, — *In addition to the powers conferred upon me by law, I may suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or the orders, rules, or regulations of any state agency if strict compliance with the provisions would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency. This could include waiving regulations to expedite measures in order to protect the life, health, and safety of our citizens and to mitigate the impact of the pandemic; and*

I HERBY DIRECT, — *The Nebraska Adjutant General, who also serves as State Disaster Coordinator, to activate appropriate State emergency plans and to take such steps as he deems necessary to meet these emergencies, and to continue these actions until such time as the threat to life and property created by these situations has been alleviated; and*

I FURTHER DIRECT OR REQUEST, — *State and appropriate Federal agencies to cooperate with the and support the Adjutant General of Nebraska upon his request, as may be appropriate and lawful; and*

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE, — *The Adjutant General of Nebraska to activate such elements of State Government and Emergency Management resources as are appropriate to deal with this emergency and to expend such funds, within the limitations of availability, from the Governor's Emergency Fund to support these actions.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, — *I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this 13th day of March, 2020.*

Done at the State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, on this Thirteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty.

ATTEST:

Secretary of State

Governor