STATE OF NEBRASKA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *On March 13, 2020 a state of emergency was declared in Nebraska due to the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic; and*

WHEREAS, *In response to the virus' impact, President Donald J. Trump declared that a major disaster exists in the State of Nebraska on April 4, 2020; and*

WHEREAS, *Coronavirus is highly transmissible and public health officials have urged social distancing measures in an effort to slow the spread of the virus; and*

WHEREAS, *The State of Nebraska issued a statewide Directed Health Measure (DHM) on April 3, 2020 that includes social distancing requirements. Among other directives, the DHM imposes an enforceable 10-person limit on public gatherings; requires schools to operate without students; requires restaurants and bars to close their dining areas and move to takeout, delivery, and/or curbside service only; and temporarily prohibits elective surgeries for medical, dental, and veterinary services; and*

WHEREAS, *Infectious disease experts project the coronavirus outbreak to be at or near its peak in Nebraska by the end of April 2020; and*

WHEREAS, *It is the civic duty of each and every Nebraskan to take personal responsibility to slow the spread of the virus; and*

WHEREAS, *On April 9, 2020 Nebraskans were urged to heed the following rules to further prevent the spread of COVID-19:*

1. *Stay home. No non-essential errands and no social gatherings. Respect the ten-person limit.*
2. *Socially distance your work. Work from home or use the six-foot rule as much as possible in the workplace.*
3. *Shop alone and only shop once a week. Do not take family with you.*
4. *Help kids follow social distancing. Play at home. No group sports. And no playgrounds.*
5. *Help seniors stay at home by shopping for them. Do not visit long-term care facilities.*
6. *Exercise daily at home or with an appropriately socially-distanced activity.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM April 10th to April 30th, 2020 as*

21 DAYS TO STAY HOME AND STAY HEALTHY

in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Ninth day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty.

Attest:

Secretary of State

Governor