STATE *of* NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LINCOLN

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 20-11

CORONAVIRUS – LIMITING NON-RESIDENT SPRING TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS

WHEREAS, a state of emergency was declared in Nebraska on March 13, 2020, to control the spread of the coronavirus known as COVID-19;

WHEREAS, recommendations to slow the spread of this disease and protect public health include staying at home, social distancing, and avoiding unnecessary travel;

WHEREAS, a majority of Nebraskans diagnosed with COVID-19 are travel-related or from exposure to a known travel-related case;

WHEREAS, it has been recommended all Nebraskans who have traveled out of the state self-quarantine for two weeks;

WHEREAS, public gatherings have been restricted to gatherings of 10 or less and recommendations include maintaining six feet apart between those individuals;

WHEREAS, reducing incentives for unnecessary travel can protect public health by limiting the issuance of hunting permits to individuals that would have to travel to Nebraska during the COVID-19 emergency;

WHEREAS, non-resident hunters often rely on the hospitality industry for food, lodging, and outdoor guides which risk gatherings larger than 10 people or an inability to maintain a distance of six feet apart;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Nebraska, hereby issue this waiver of specific state statutes and regulations pertaining to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission related to the issuance of non-resident turkey permits.

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Pursuant to this declaration, I hereby order the Game and Parks Commission to implement the following temporary change:

1. The number of permits authorized for issuance to non-residents pursuant to Title 163 Nebraska Administrative Code Chapter 4 § 002.02 shall be reduced from unlimited to zero. This reduction shall not impact any permits issued prior to the effective date of this order; and

2. This waiver shall be effective from the date of this order through May 31, 2020.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed on this 30th day of March, 2020.

Pete Ricketts, Governor
State of Nebraska

Attest:

Robert B. Evnen,
Secretary of State
State of Nebraska