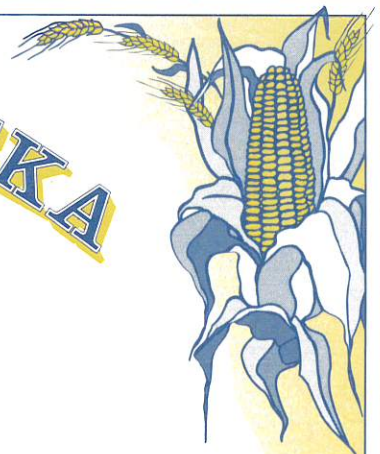




STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Civic prayers and national days of prayer have a long and venerable history in our constitutional republic, dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS,

The Declaration of Independence, our first statement as Americans of national purpose and identity, made "the laws of Nature and of Nature's God," the foundation of our United States of America and asserted that people have inalienable rights that are God-given; and

WHEREAS,

The Supreme Court has affirmed the right of state legislatures to open their sessions with prayer, and the Supreme Court and the United States Congress, themselves, begin each day with prayer; and

WHEREAS,

In 1988, legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May in each year as a National Day of Prayer was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS,

The National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens; and

WHEREAS,

It is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in Nebraska when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the need for strengthening religious and moral values in our state and nation; and

WHEREAS,

This year marks the 67th Annual National Day of Prayer; The theme being "Pray For America: Unity" taken from Ephesians 4:3 which says, "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the 3rd day of May, 2018 as a

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER


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 Twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen.



Attest:


Secretary of State


Governor