

STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Libraries provide free access to all – from books and online resources for families to library business centers that help support entrepreneurship and retraining; and

WHEREAS,

Nebraska libraries play a vital role in supporting the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS,

Our state's school, academic, public and special libraries make a difference in the lives of millions of Americans – today, more than ever; and

WHEREAS,

Librarians are trained professionals, helping people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn and work in Nebraska communities; and

WHEREAS,

Libraries serve as crucial technology hubs for people in need of Broadband access, computer training and assistance finding job resources; and

WHEREAS,

Libraries are an important attraction in our communities – places for opportunity, education, self-help and lifelong learning – providing programs that teach all forms of literacy and promoting lifelong learning and 21st Century skill development; and

WHEREAS,

Library use is up in Nebraska among all types of users, continuing a decade-long trend; and

WHEREAS,

Libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week: Libraries Lead; and

WHEREAS,

National Library Week is celebrated in Nebraska with recognition of the Library of Congress Center for the Book "Letters About Literature" State Award Winning Young Writers:

*Avery Yosten, Norfolk, for a letter to Rob Buyea
Ryan Ostrander, Lincoln, for a letter to Katherine Applegate
Caleb Hans, Omaha, for a letter to Trenton Lee Stewart
Conleigh Hemmer, Lincoln, wrote to Herman Melville
Harper Leigh Wells, Axtell, wrote to Harper Lee
Daniel Con, Lexington, wrote to Suzanne Collins*

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of April 8 – 14, 2018 as

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

in Nebraska, and I do hereby encourage all citizens to visit the library this week to take advantage of the library resources available.

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



Attest:

Secretary of State

Governor