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 twenty-first 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:*

Peyton Boyer, for a letter to M. Ruben, Maren Steinke, for a letter to Paul Griffin; Ruby Cunningham, for a letter to Ishmael Beah; Makenna Miller, for a letter to J.D. Salinger; Gage Boardman, writing to Becky Abertali; Kelsee Moffat, writing Nicholas Sparks.

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of April 7 – 13, 2019 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 Eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Nineteen.

Attest:

Secretary of State

Governor