



STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Citizens across Nebraska stand firmly committed to providing high quality Summer Learning opportunities for all youth; and

WHEREAS, Research shows that summer learning loss is a significant contributor to the achievement gap, a gap which remains constant during the nine months of the school year, but widens during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, Summer Learning programs have been identified as ideal settings to nurture the potential innovator in every student by providing youth with hands-on, engaging science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activities that excite, engage and inspire young people's passion for discovery and creativity; and

WHEREAS, A wide array of Nebraska's public agencies, community-based organizations, schools, libraries, museums, recreation centers, camps, and businesses can work together to promote the well-being of youth through collaborative summer programs; and

WHEREAS, Summer learning is a critical component of Nebraska's collective effort to ensure all students graduate from high school are prepared for college, careers and life; and

WHEREAS, Summer Learning Day is a day to take action around the importance of keeping the youth learning, safe, and healthy every summer, ensuring they return to school in the fall ready to succeed in the year ahead.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM** the 14th day of July, 2016 as

SUMMER LEARNING DAY

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 Thirteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen.

Attest:



Shirley A. Nee
Secretary of State

Pete Ricketts
Governor