



# STATE OF NEBRASKA



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** Science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) competencies are understood to be a vital part of preparing Nebraska's youth for success in school and supporting the continued growth of Nebraska's economy; and

**WHEREAS,** Citizens across Nebraska stand firmly committed to quality Out-of-School Time (Afterschool and Summer) Programs because they:

- Provide a safe, challenging, engaging and fun learning experience to help children and youth develop their social, emotional, physical, cultural, and academic skills outside of the traditional school day and year;
- Support working families by ensuring that children are safe, challenged and productive after the school day ends and during the Summer months;
- Strengthen school-community collaborations that leverage resources to provide expanded learning opportunities that enhance and complement school day learning experiences and meet important youth development needs;
- Build stronger communities by creating opportunities for parents, youth-serving organizations, business leaders and adult volunteers to become involved in the lives of young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among youth, families, and adults; and

**WHEREAS,** Afterschool and Summer Learning Programs are ideal settings to nurture the discoverer and innovator in every student by providing youth with hands-on, engaging STEM activities that can excite, engage and inspire young people's passion for discovery and to pursue rigorous STEM course work during the school day; and

**WHEREAS,** Afterschool and Summer Out-of-School Time Programs can provide opportunities to enhance Nebraska's career pipeline by providing young people with early exposure to STEM professionals and STEM-related career opportunities that are necessary to help them become the STEM professional that will drive Nebraska's future economic growth.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of March 23 – 27, 2015, as

### STEM IN OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS WEEK

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 Eighteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen.



Attest:

*Jim A. Gase*  
Secretary of State

*Pete Ricketts*  
Governor