

# STATE OF NEBRASKA



## Proclamation

WHEREAS,

*Israel Independence Day is celebrated beginning the evening of May 4<sup>th</sup> and runs through the evening of May 5<sup>th</sup>, and the entire month of May marks the celebration of Jewish American Heritage Month; and*

WHEREAS,

*Jewish American Heritage Month was established in 2006 to recognize and celebrate the achievements and contributions to the United States of America of its Jewish community before and since its founding; and*

WHEREAS,

*In spite of all that Jewish Americans have contributed to this country, Jewish people continue to be a targeted minority in the United States, as further evidenced by data showing that Jews are consistently the most likely of all religious groups to be victimized by incidents of hate, and that such incidents are increasing at an alarming rate; and*

WHEREAS,

*Antisemitism, including harassment on the basis of actual or perceived Jewish origin, ancestry, ethnicity, identity, affiliation, or faith, remains a persistent, pervasive, and disturbing problem in contemporary American society with antisemitic attacks hitting an all-time high in the United States in 2021; and*

WHEREAS,

*While there can be no exhaustive definition of antisemitism in all its many forms, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism has been an essential definitional tool used to determine contemporary manifestations of antisemitism; and*

WHEREAS,

*The IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism is used by agencies of the United States Government; has been adopted across the world by 35 countries, over 250 provinces and cities, and over 350 educational institutions and other organizations; is recommended for use by the European Council and the European Parliament; is endorsed by the UN Secretary General and the Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS); and is included in policy guides prepared by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE); and*

WHEREAS,

*Use of the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism will increase awareness and understanding of the parameters of contemporary anti-Jewish and anti-Israel discrimination in certain contexts.*

NOW, THEREFORE,

*I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of May 2022 as*

### JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

*in Nebraska and adopt the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism including the contemporary examples of antisemitism set forth therein, on behalf of the State of Nebraska.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Fifth day of May, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-two.*

Attest:



*Matthew S. ...*

Secretary of State

*Pete Ricketts*

Governor