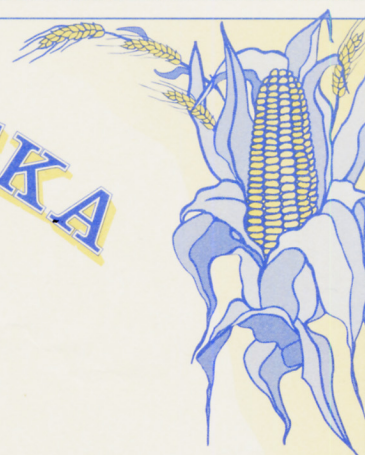




# STATE OF NEBRASKA



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,**

*Literacy is the fundamental building block of all learning and is essential to the growth and success of every child in our state; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Reading to children enlarges their vocabulary and enhances their listening skills, thereby fostering intellectual growth and a more positive attitude toward reading; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Reading to a child is a simple and priceless act that benefits both adult and child, positively contributing to family literacy and strengthening the bond between parent and child; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*When parents assume the responsibility for children's literacy, making a commitment to reading for 20 minutes a day, children become more healthy, resilient and inquisitive; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*"Read Aloud to Your Child for 15 Minutes a Day" is a nationally recognized program; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Read Aloud Nebraska and other organizations representing pediatricians, parents, teachers, librarians and concerned citizens advocate for reading aloud to children because of its educational benefits as well as fostering healthy interaction between adults and children; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Reading aloud to children will enhance family literacy and the well-being of young people throughout our state.*

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

*I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of November 2016 as*

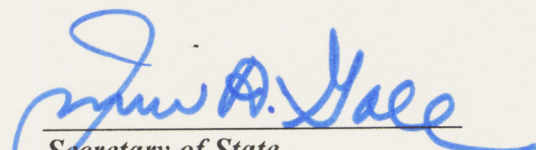
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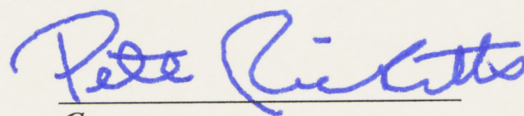
*in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.*

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



Attest:

  
Secretary of State

  
Governor