

WHEREAS,

Many Nebraskans are directly harmed by crime each year, and each crime affects many more family members, friends, neighbors and co-workers; and

WHEREAS,

Crime can leave a lasting physical, emotional or financial impact on people of all ages and abilities, and of all economic, racial and social backgrounds; and

WHEREAS.

Nebraska heeds this call to action and promotes victims' rights initiatives, effective and compassionate victim services and just compensation through the Nebraska Crime Victims' Reparations Act; and

WHEREAS.

Today, Nebraska has several victim assistance programs to provide help and support to child victims of violence and sexual abuse; stalking victims; survivors of homicide victims; victims of drunk-driving crashes, robbery, burglary, assault, elder abuse and other crimes; and

WHEREAS,

Now is the time to embrace new solutions that involve new partnerships with underserved communities and a greater emphasis on learning what works in meeting victims' needs; and

WHEREAS,

Nebraska Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to celebrate the creativity and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement, inspired its progress and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims; and

WHEREAS,

The Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime is joining forces with victim service providers, criminal justice agencies and concerned citizens throughout Nebraska to raise awareness about victims' rights and observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of April 20 – 26, 2015 as

NEBRASKA CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS 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 this Thirteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen.

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