

# STATE OF NEBRASKA



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,**

*Human trafficking is modern day slavery that is a violation of a person's rights and dignity; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*We now know that human trafficking happens in Nebraska and targets both United States citizens and foreign nationals who are chosen for their vulnerabilities; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Legislation has been recently passed in Nebraska to stiffen penalties for human trafficking as well as to protect minors and to help human trafficking survivors; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Law enforcement has increased efforts to investigate and prosecute human trafficking in Nebraska and have engaged with service providers to help meet the needs of those affected by human trafficking; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*A statewide task force has been formed and is operating to coordinate our state's efforts to stop human trafficking and to help survivors heal and thrive,*

**WHEREAS,**

*The foregoing amply demonstrates that the State of Nebraska will not tolerate this crime in any form and will continue the fight to end human trafficking; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Human trafficking can best be confronted by an educated citizenry, seeing the signs and alerting authorities.*

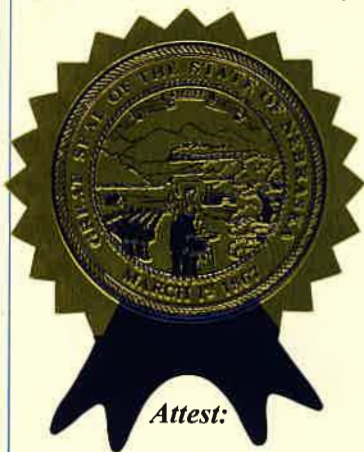
**NOW, THEREFORE,**

*I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of January, 2019 as*

### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH**

*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 Eleventh day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Nineteen.*



Attest:

  
Secretary of State

  
Governor