



# STATE OF NEBRASKA



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,**

*The family — which serves as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support — is the very foundation of our communities and our state; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Nebraska foster families provide a safe, secure, stable, compassionate, and nurturing home to the state's children and youth who need a temporary home; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Foster families who open their homes and hearts to children whose families are in crisis play a vital role in helping children and families heal; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*We, as a state, have made great strides in keeping siblings together. Approximately 64% of kids placed in out-of-home care are placed with all their siblings and 82% of kids placed in out-of-home care are placed with at least one of their siblings; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*There are numerous individuals and public and private organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care as well as of the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Nebraska foster families are to be commended for their selfless contribution to the welfare of our children and therefore our society; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*It is vitally important for us, as a state, to celebrate and support the loving commitment foster families make.*

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

*I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of May 2021 as*

### FOSTER CARE MONTH

*in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to come forward and do something positive that will help change the lives of children and youth in foster care.*

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



Attest:

Secretary of State

Governor