

STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

Nebraska's greatest strength is its people. Our multi-racially and culturally diverse population provides our state with a powerful energy and an ability to see ourselves from many viewpoints.

Nebraska's success depends on empowering citizens to participate in the decisions that affect their lives. Together we can build the kind of future we want for all Nebraskans and for future generations.

While there are positive actions already being taken to combat intolerance, each Nebraskan can take personal responsibility to work toward a state that more fully and wholeheartedly celebrates diversity.

WHEREAS,

Nebraska is a state of caring people who have created a healthy, safe and secure place for people of all geographic, ethnic, economic, and religious backgrounds to live, work, raise their children and age with dignity; and

WHEREAS,

Fundamentally, tolerance is a personal decision that comes from an attitude that is learnable and embraceable - a belief that every person in earth is a treasure, vital to the health and prosperity of all; and

WHEREAS,

Nebraska is a state promoting tolerance and infusion while focusing on how we interact with our families, our neighbors and co-workers by respecting them and ourselves; and

WHEREAS,

We, the people of Nebraska, in keeping with the principle of equal civil rights for all, unequivocally oppose any manifestation of hatred and prejudice towards any group or individual in our state.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of April, 2005, as

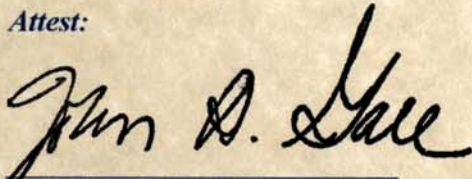
DIVERSITY APPRECIATION MONTH

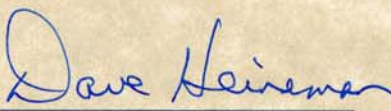
in Nebraska, and we resolve to stand together with all people of good faith in our state and we have the power to change our attitude, to overcome our ignorance and fears, and to influence our children, our peers and our neighborhoods. It begins with "each one of us."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Five.



Attest:


Secretary of State


Governor