



Proclamation

WHEREAS,

The first "recommendation" that there be a day "set apart . . . for solemn thanksgiving and praise, that with one heart and one voice the good people may express the grateful feelings of their hearts and consecrate themselves to the service of their divine benefactor . . .," was proposed on November 1st, 1777, by Samuel Adams, and later adopted by the thirteen states as the first official Thanksgiving Proclamation; and

WHEREAS,

Philanthropy – "Private initiatives for the public good, focusing on quality of life" – is both essential to civic health in self-governing societies, and generally recognized as an appropriate expression of gratitude on the part of donors for the benefits they enjoy in life; and

WHEREAS,

Nebraska citizens have throughout our history, provided many leading examples of philanthropy that have benefitted our entire state, nation and the world; and

WHEREAS,

Our citizens should be commended for their philanthropy, and encouraged to sustain its growth in partnership with government as together we seek to enhance the quality of life for all our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the 25th day of November, 2005, as

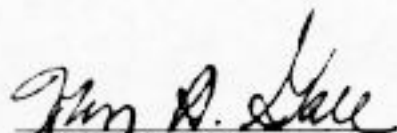
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in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.

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 Five.



Attest:


Secretary of State


Governor