STATE OF NEBRASKA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *Individuals with developmental disabilities, along with their families, friends and coworkers, encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people and to promote opportunities for all to achieve full inclusion in society; and*

WHEREAS, *Members of the community can play a central role in enhancing the lives of people with developmental disabilities, especially when necessary supports are provided, and employers are aware of the capabilities of persons with developmental disabilities when they become competitively employed in inclusive work settings; and*

WHEREAS, *Our communities are made stronger when individuals of all abilities can lead productive lives, achieve their full potential, and make contributions to our communities.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of March 2016 as*

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to ensure that persons with developmental disabilities have opportunities to fully participate in Nebraska's "Good Life" as workers, community members and contributing citizens.

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

Attest:

John A. Gale

Secretary of State

Pete Ricketts

Governor