WHEREAS, Commencing on the 7th day of April, 2022 and continuing, a wildland fire ignited burning out of control. The Road 739 Fire in Gosper and Frontier County's is burning wildlands of both counties and moving towards the City of Arapahoe and the Village of Edison. The fire is expanding due to severe drought conditions and high winds, causing a threat to public and private infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The actions necessary to assist in meeting the emergency conditions and dangers present a burden to the counties and citizens of Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, Under the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-829.40, which confers emergency responsibilities and powers upon the Governor, I, Pete Ricketts, as Governor of the State of Nebraska, do hereby declare that a state of emergency exits within the area impacted by the Road 739 Fire in Gosper and Frontier County's in the State of Nebraska.

I HEREBY DIRECT, The Nebraska Adjutant General, who also serves as State Disaster Coordinator, to activate appropriate State emergency plans and to take such steps as he deems necessary to meet this emergency, and to continue these actions until such time as the threat to life and property created by this situation has been alleviated.

I FURTHER DIRECT OR REQUEST State and appropriate federal agencies to cooperate with and support the Adjutant General of Nebraska upon his request, as may be appropriate and lawful.

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE, The Adjutant General of Nebraska to activate such elements of State Government and Emergency Management resources as are appropriate to deal with this emergency and to expend such funds, within the limitations of availability, from the Governors Emergency Fund to support these actions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this the Eighth day of April Twenty-two.

Done at the State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, and this Eighth day in April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-two.

Attest:

Robert B. Evnen, Secretary of State
State of Nebraska

Pete Ricketts, Governor
State of Nebraska