

STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS,

The Sepsis Alliance has declared the month of September as Sepsis Awareness Month as a way to improve recognition of the symptoms of sepsis in communities and bring attention to this treatable condition; and

WHEREAS,

Sepsis is a life-threatening complication of the body's overwhelming response to an infection, that without rapid diagnosis and treatment can quickly progress to tissue damage, organ failure, and death; and

WHEREAS,

Sepsis is a medical emergency that kills over 270,000 Americans each year, more than prostate cancer, breast cancer and AIDS combined. All age groups are affected with the very young, elderly, those with chronic diseases and weakened immune systems especially at risk; and

WHEREAS,

Sepsis is the #1 cause for hospital readmissions and the #2 cause for hospital admissions of Medicare beneficiaries in the state of Nebraska. Approximately 87% of sepsis cases begin in the community where more than 40% of U.S. adults have never heard of sepsis; and

WHEREAS,

Sepsis survivors are more likely to experience an impaired quality of life from amputations, memory loss, anxiety, or depression; and

WHEREAS,

The Great Plains Quality Innovation Network is dedicated to raising awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis as critical knowledge for healthcare providers, emergency medical services, and community members to reduce sepsis harm and death.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of September, 2018 as


SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH


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 Eleventh day of September, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen.



Attest:


Secretary of State


Governor