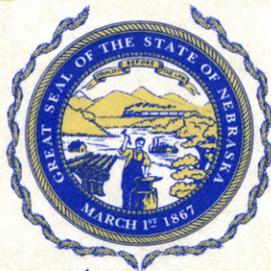




STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS,

The Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Humanities Council, Nebraska Library Association, Nebraska Library Commission, University of Nebraska Press and other statewide organizations are urging all citizens of Nebraska to participate in the One Book One Nebraska Reads "Local Wonders: Seasons in the Bohemian Alps" (Local Wonders) initiative during the year 2011; and

WHEREAS,

Ted Kooser, having served as the 13th United States Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress, is regarded as one of America's most gifted poets and essayists. This internationally recognized Nebraskan received the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry, Pushcart Prize, American Library Association Notable Book Citation, Barnes and Noble Discover Award; and

WHEREAS,

"Local Wonders," Nebraska Book Award winner for nonfiction, is a heartfelt, plainspoken collection of essays describing the people and places in the picturesque area of southeast Nebraska called the Bohemian Alps – where nothing is too small for observation and attention; and

WHEREAS,

Reading "Local Wonders" in communities across Nebraska in 2011 will connect Nebraskans across time and place.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the year of 2011, as

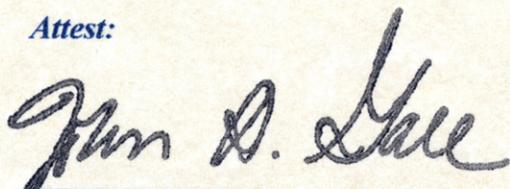
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in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to

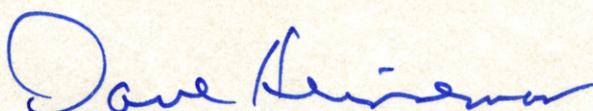
- *read "Local Wonders,"*
- *engage in discussion of "Local Wonders,"*
- *explore the work of Ted Kooser, one of Nebraska's and the Nation's premier classic authors, and*
- *participate in local library and community events throughout Nebraska to celebrate 2011 One Book One Nebraska Reads "Local Wonders."*

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

Attest:



Secretary of State



Governor

