

# STATE OF NEBRASKA



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,**

*The Nebraska Center for the Book, Humanities Nebraska, Nebraska Library Association, Nebraska Library Commission and other organizations across the state are urging all citizens of Nebraska to participate in the One Book One Nebraska Reads "Once Upon a Town: The Miracle of the North Platte Canteen" initiative during the year 2014; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Bestselling author and award-winning journalist Bob Greene went in search of "the best America there ever was," and he found it in a small Nebraska town – right inside their Union Pacific Railroad depot, where throughout World War II, volunteers from the North Platte area transformed their depot into a canteen for the servicemen and women that came through on troop trains; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*"Once Upon a Town: The Miracle of the North Platte Canteen" celebrates the volunteer spirit and can-do attitude that has made our state – and America - great; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Reading "Once Upon a Town: The Miracle of the North Platte Canteen" in communities across Nebraska in 2014 provides common ground for Nebraska citizens of all ages to share their common experiences, reflect on the past and contemplate the future – connecting Nebraskans across time and place.*

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

*I, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the year of 2014 as*

### **ONE BOOK ONE NEBRASKA READS "ONCE UPON A TOWN: THE MIRACLE OF THE NORTH PLATTE CANTEEN"**

*in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to*

- *read "Once Upon a Town: The Miracle of the North Platte Canteen;"*
- *engage in discussion of "Once Upon a Town: The Miracle of the North Platte Canteen;"*
- *participate in local library and community events throughout Nebraska to celebrate 2014 One Book One Nebraska Reads "Once Upon a Town: The Miracle of the North Platte Canteen."*

*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 January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen.*



Attest:

*Jim A. Gage*  
Secretary of State

*Dave Heineman*  
Governor