

STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS,

The Nebraska Center for the Book, Humanities Nebraska, Nebraska Library Commission and other organizations across the state are urging all citizens of Nebraska to participate in the One Book One Nebraska Reads "The Meaning of Names" initiative during the year 2016; and

WHEREAS,

Nebraska author Karen Gettert Shoemaker is a writer, teacher and business owner living in Lincoln, Nebraska, who received her Ph.D. in Creative Writing from the University of Nebraska Lincoln and is currently a writing mentor with the University of Nebraska's MFA in Writing Program; and

WHEREAS,

"The Meaning of Names" is the story of an ordinary rural Nebraska woman trying to raise a family during extraordinary times during World War I on the home front; and

WHEREAS,

Reading "The Meaning of Names" in communities across Nebraska in 2016 provides common ground for Nebraska citizens of all ages to share their common experiences, reflect on the past, and contemplate on the future, connecting Nebraskans across time and place.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the year of 2016 as

ONE BOOK ONE NEBRASKA: "THE MEANING OF NAMES"

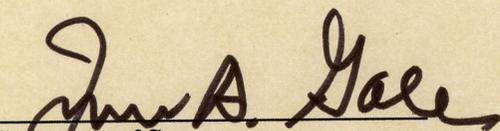
in Nebraska, and I do hereby encourage all citizens to

- *read "The Meaning of Names;"*
- *engage in discussion of "The Meaning of Names;" and*
- *participate in local library and community events throughout Nebraska to celebrate 2016 One Book One Nebraska Reads "The Meaning of Names."*

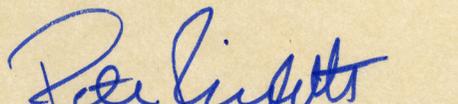
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Thirteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen.



Attest:



Secretary of State



Governor