

STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS,

The Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Library Commission, Humanities Nebraska, The Backwaters Press, and other organizations across the state are urging all citizens of Nebraska to participate in the One Book One Nebraska Reads "Nebraska Presence: An Anthology of Poetry" initiative during the year 2018; and

WHEREAS,

Poetry has been woven into the cultural fabric of Nebraska since its Statehood began, and poetry reading and writing is currently taught in all educational levels in Nebraska from grade school through Doctoral programs at our Universities and Colleges, and is read, written and appreciated by people from all walks of life across our State today; and

WHEREAS,

Nebraska poets from all areas of the State are represented in "Nebraska Presence" including the former Poet Laureate of the United States Ted Kooser, the current Nebraska State Poet Twyla Hansen, and the previous Nebraska State Poet the late William Kloefkorn, as well as more than eighty other Nebraskans who write poetry; and

WHEREAS,

"Nebraska Presence" presents readers with a multi-faceted, multigenerational, multicultural, accessible, but deeply intelligent and inspired views of both country and city life in Nebraska, as well as a vital cross-section of our cultural mores and morals; and

WHEREAS,

Reading "Nebraska Presence: An Anthology of Poetry" in communities across Nebraska in 2018, the hundred-and-fifty-first year of statehood 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, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the year 2018 as


ONE BOOK ONE NEBRASKA: "NEBRASKA PRESENCE: AN ANTHONOLOGY OF POETRY"

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 Twenty-second day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen.



Attest:


Secretary of State


Governor