

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 Bones of Paradise" initiative during the year 2022; and

WHEREAS,

The Bones of Paradise is a novel by Nebraska author Jonis Agee. A multigenerational family saga set in the Nebraska Sandhills in the years following the massacre at Wounded Knee, it is an ambitious tale of history, vengeance, guilt, betrayal, family, and belonging, filled with a vivid cast of characters shaped by violence, love, and a desperate loyalty to the land; and

WHEREAS,

Reading "The Bones of Paradise" in communities across Nebraska in 2022 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 2022 as


ONE BOOK ONE NEBRASKA: "THE BONES OF PARADISE" YEAR

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 Tenth day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-two.



Attest:



Secretary of State



Governor