

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 initiative by reading “The Antidote: A Novel” during the year 2026; and

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“The Antidote: A Novel”, written by Karen Russell, is a haunting Dust Bowl epic set in 1930s Nebraska that blends historical fiction with magical realism. Through interwoven narratives, Russell explores themes of memory, resilience, and survival amid environmental collapse, crafting a lyrical meditation on how communities confront trauma and corruption while clinging to hope; and

WHEREAS,

Reading “The Antidote: A Novel” in communities across Nebraska in 2026 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, Jim Pillen, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the year 2026 as the year of



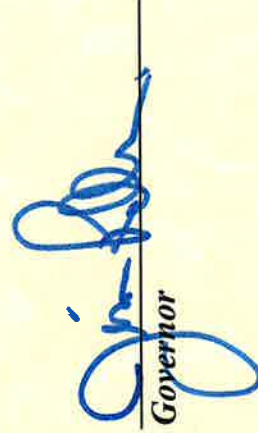
**ONE BOOK ONE NEBRASKA:
“THE ANTIDOTE: A NOVEL”**

in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of this observance.

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 Twenty-Six.

Attest:


Secretary of State


Governor