

# STATE OF NEBRASKA



## Proclamation

WHEREAS,

*Beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2026, and continuing, high winds, low humidity, and dry conditions have combined to create a situation which has resulted in a dangerous increase in the probability of ignition of destructive wildfires across the State of Nebraska. Wildfires within the State of Nebraska have and will endanger the health and safety of Nebraska citizens and have and will present a threat of damage to public and private property. Nebraska National Guard aviation assets are a critical element of rapid response to wildfires which are not available to local governments; and*

WHEREAS,

*The actions necessary to assist in meeting the emergency conditions and dangers present a burden to the counties and citizens of Nebraska; and*

NOW, THEREFORE,

*Under the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-829.40, which confers emergency responsibilities and powers upon the Governor, I, Jim Pillen, as Governor of the State of Nebraska, do hereby declare that a state of emergency exists within the State of Nebraska for the limited purpose of placing necessary Nebraska National Guard aviation assets, support equipment, and personnel on State Active Duty status to respond to destructive wildfires.*

I HEREBY DIRECT,

*The Nebraska Adjutant General, who also serves as State Disaster Coordinator, to activate appropriate State emergency plans and to take such steps as he deems necessary to meet this emergency and to continue these actions until such time as the threat to life and property created by this situation has been alleviated.*

I FURTHER DIRECT  
OR REQUEST

*State and appropriate federal agencies to cooperate with and support the Adjutant General of Nebraska upon his request, as may be appropriate and lawful.*


I HEREBY AUTHORIZE,


*The Adjutant General of Nebraska to activate such elements of State Government and Emergency Management resources as are appropriate to deal with this emergency and expend such funds, within the limitations of availability, from the Governor's Emergency Fund to support these actions.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.*

*Done at the State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-six.*

est:

  
Robert B. Evnen, Secretary of State  
State of Nebraska

  
Jim Pillen, Governor  
State of Nebraska