



# STATE OF NEBRASKA



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,**

*Beginning on the 12th day of March, 2026, and continuing, high winds, low humidity, and dry conditions combined to create a situation which resulted in the ignition of multiple wildfires across the state of Nebraska. The Morrill County Fire, impacting Morrill, Garden, Arthur, and Keith Counties, and the Cottonwood Fire, impacting Lincoln, Dawson, and Frontier Counties, within the state of Nebraska, have and continue to endanger the health and safety of many Nebraska citizens and have damaged or threatened public and private property. The multiple wildfires have created problems greater in scope than local governments alone may resolve; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*The actions necessary to assist in meeting the emergency conditions and dangers present a burden to the county 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 areas impacted by the aforementioned wildfires within the State of Nebraska.*

**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 FURTHER ORDER,**

*This proclamation of a state emergency does not trigger the transportations network company dynamic pricing prohibition under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-327(2)(d)(iv).*

**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 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.*

*Done at the State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, this Thirteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-six.*



*Robert B. Evnen*  
Robert B. Evnen, Secretary of State  
State of Nebraska

*Jim Pillen*  
Jim Pillen, Governor  
State of Nebraska