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**Arson Awareness Week, May 1-5, 2017**

**State Fire Day, May 12, 2017**

**Fire Recognition Day, May 13, 2017**

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May 12, 2017

May 11, 2018

May 10, 2019

May 8, 2020



# STATE OF NEBRASKA

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**Pete Ricketts**  
Governor



**Jim Heine**  
Fire Marshal

March 21, 2016

Greetings from the State Fire Marshal's Office,

Please join us in recognition of Arson Awareness Week, State Fire Day, and Fire Recognition Day to prevent fires and their impact on our State. Proclamation signings for these May activities will begin on **April 6, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.** in the **Werner Chamber at the State Capitol**. All three proclamations will be presented in a single event. A short synopsis is included to tell when and what each proclamation represents.

**May 1-7, 2016 ARSON AWARENESS WEEK:** This year's theme "**PREVENT WILDLAND ARSON – SPREAD THE FACTS NOT THE FIRE**". The National Association of State Foresters cites more than 72,000 U.S. communities are now at risk from wildland fire within the Wildland Urban Interface. Nebraska Fire Departments using the NeFIRS Wildland Fire Module documented 23 incendiary wildland fires in 2015.

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**May 14, 2016 FIRE RECOGNITION DAY:** Is also noted under Nebraska State Statute 79-705 to create public sentiment and call public attention to the great damage caused both to life and property by fire. *(This day offers another opportunity for Fire Department to work with their communities outside of the school system to share fire prevention and fire safety awareness messages.)*

If you are unable to attend, please feel free to send someone to represent your department. If you wish you may meet at the Fire Marshal's Office (246 S. 14<sup>th</sup>, Lincoln) around 9:45 a.m. and walk with us over to the State Capitol. We look forward to having you or designated representative(s) join us. Please RSVP to [ray.nance@nebraska.gov](mailto:ray.nance@nebraska.gov). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call (402) 471-2027, and ask for Ray, or Jim.

**Proclamation wording** will be available after the presentation.

**Note:** Photos will be taken for placement on the Governor's web page.

Sincerely,

Jim Heine  
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**"FIRE IS EVERYONE'S FIGHT"**

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## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** It is important to realize that fires cause great damage to both property and family's lives; and
- WHEREAS,** With statistics still coming in, the Nebraska Fire Information Reporting System indicates that Nebraska firefighters responded to 92,483 calls for service in 2015; and
- WHEREAS,** Fires accounted for 4,672 of the calls for service which have been reported and resulted in approximately \$41,978,434 in total loss; and
- WHEREAS,** The reported 2015 fires have resulted in 17 civilian deaths, 51 civilian injuries, no firefighter deaths, and 83 firefighter injuries; and
- WHEREAS,** No one should have to endure the pain or loss from fire; and
- WHEREAS,** National Fire Prevention Leaders and the United States Fire Administration remind us that, "Fire is Everyone's Fight"; and
- WHEREAS,** Nebraska Schools and the Fire Service recognize the tremendous impact that the loss of even one child or family member can have on a child's family, education, or community; and
- WHEREAS,** Schools are an important part of the collaborative effort to reduce the occurrence of fires and help our youth learn how to become better educated on being responsible citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** Schools have the ability to reach the largest percentage of our youth in a supervised and localized setting, and
- WHEREAS,** State Fire Day has been set aside for all public, private and parochial schools to observe exercises focused on preventing the great damage caused to both life and property by fire.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM** May 13, 2016, as

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in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all schools to recognize this day with exercises appropriate to the subject and day.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the great seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this 6th day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen.