

# STATE OF NEBRASKA



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,**

*U.S. Masters Swimming (USMS) is a 501(3) nonprofit organization that represents 60,000 USMS adult members who swim with its more than 1,000 local adult swim programs across the country; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*The Centers for Disease Control estimates that 37% of American adults could not save themselves if they fell in water over their heads. With the inability to swim affecting people's lives in a broad spectrum of ways with direct negative implications on American's quality of life; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Adult drowning is a problem we can solve – teaching adults to swim is the central cause of the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation, the charitable arm of USMS; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*The Swimming Saves Lives Foundation has provided grant resources to the Nebraska Masters Swimming Local Masters Swimming Committee (LMSC) so that it may teach potentially thousands of adults who might not otherwise have the opportunity in Nebraska; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*The grant to the Nebraska Masters LMSC for the Adult Learn to Swim program is privately provided by the charitable and generous contributions of 60,000 USMS members and supporters; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*April is the ideal month for this designation as pools and other bodies of water open for the spring and summer seasons; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Nationally, April is being recognized as Adult Learn to Swim Month, and with the help of state governments throughout our great nation highlighting this lifesaving effort, the commendable goal of making water available for fun, fitness and health to our fellow non-swimming neighbors can be attained.*

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

*I, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of April 2014 as*

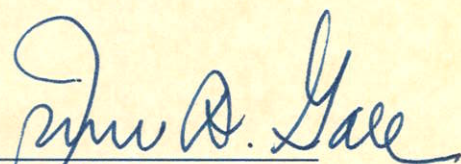
### **ADULT LEARN TO SWIM MONTH**

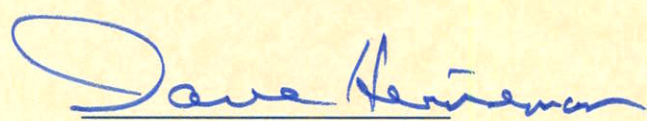
*in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen.*



Attest:

  
Secretary of State

  
Governor