

WHEREAS,

Public transit provides Nebraskans access to medical, business, employment, social, and supportive services; and

WHEREAS.

Public transit allows individuals to remain independent, contributes to economic development, reduces traffic congestion, decreases emissions, and improves rural and urban mobility; and

WHEREAS,

Public transit provides the only public transportation service to many of the smaller towns and rural counties in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS,

Nebraska is served by two urban transit systems, five small urban transit systems, and 55 rural transit systems in 82 Nebraska counties; and

WHEREAS.

Even during a pandemic, over 2.7 million rides were provided by public transit in Nebraska during fiscal year 2020, with over 5.7 million miles traveled; and

WHEREAS.

Nebraska has numerous public transit professionals who provide service to Nebraskans and must maintain stringent educational requirements and standards; and

WHEREAS,

The Nebraska Association of Transportation Providers recognizes the important role that public transit professionals play, and wishes to acknowledge that role; and

WHEREAS,

Public transportation in the state is provided by the collaborative efforts of the Nebraska Department of Transportation and Federal Transit Administration to provide resources to transport individuals every day.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY congratulate the Nebraska Association of Transportation Providers on its 40 years of service to our state's citizens and PROCLAIM the week of April 11 - 17, 2021 as



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in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of their local transit systems and the many services provided.

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

Attest:

Secretary of State

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