WHEREAS, Commencing on the seventh day of April, 2020, the Lapp Fire in Hayes County, Nebraska was burning wildlands northeast of the Village of Hayes Center and moving towards the Village of Wallace; 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, Pete Ricketts, as Governor of the State of Nebraska, do hereby declare that a state of emergency exists in the area impacted by the Lapp Fire in the State of Nebraska.

I HEREBY DIRECT, The Nebraska Adjutant General, who also serves as the 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 a 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 to expend such funds, within the limitations of availability, from the Governor's Emergency Fund to support these actions.

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

Attest:

[Signature]
Secretary of State

[Signature]
Governor