WHEREAS, Commencing on the 27th day of August 2020, the Hubbard Gap Fire in Banner County was burning wildlands south of the Village of McGrew, which was rapidly expanding due to severe drought conditions and high winds, causing a threat to public and private infrastructure in northeast Banner County; and

WHEREAS, The actions necessary to assist in meeting the emergency conditions and dangers present a burden to the counties and citizens of Nebraska.

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 with the area impacted by the Hubbard Gap Fire in 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 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 hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this the Twenty-Eighth day of August, 2020.

Done at the State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, and this Twenty-Eighth Day in August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty.

Attest:

[Signature]
Secretary of State

[Signature]
Governor