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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 19-06

EMERGENCY RELIEF DUE TO WEATHER EVENTS – LANDFILL DISPOSAL FEE

WHEREAS, the catastrophic weather event culminating in a State of Emergency declared March 12, 2019, has resulted in widespread destruction of property and an extraordinary amount of storm-related debris, solid waste, dead animal carcasses, and other damaged materials requiring proper management and disposal at licensed solid waste management facilities;

WHEREAS, the ability to expeditiously and efficiently process, manage, and properly dispose of this extraordinary amount of waste has the potential to further hinder, delay, or interfere with disaster recovery efforts being undertaken throughout the state;

WHEREAS, it is greatly encouraged that the assistance of the state's licensed solid waste disposal facilities support these emergency response efforts by facilitating, as conditions may warrant, the collection, management, and disposal of storm-related debris, solid waste, dead animal carcasses, and damaged materials so as to accelerate, to the greatest extent feasible, the recovery and return to normality for as many residents of Nebraska as possible, including waiving those portions of their own disposal and tipping fees as may be economically practicable;

WHEREAS, the landfill disposal fee established by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-2042 may be used by the Department of Environmental Quality to cover the direct and indirect costs of responding to environmental emergencies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Nebraska, find these conditions constitute a State of Emergency within Nebraska for storm-related debris management and solid waste disposal, as of April 3, 2019 through April 15, 2019.

Pursuant to this declaration, I hereby order the following:

1. The payment of the solid waste disposal fee imposed by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-2042 to the Department of Environmental Quality is suspended for those solid waste disposal facilities that direct the use of the state fees, which would have otherwise been paid to the State, to offset and defray the costs to Nebraska residents of solid waste management and disposal of storm-related debris, solid waste, dead animal carcasses, and damaged materials to the greatest extent possible.
2. In accordance with overall emergency response accounting, the solid waste disposal facilities that choose to avail themselves of this executive order and use these suspended fees for storm-

related debris, solid waste, dead animal carcasses, and damaged materials to the greatest extent possible.

2. In accordance with overall emergency response accounting, the solid waste disposal facilities that choose to avail themselves of this executive order and use these suspended fees for storm-related response activities will be asked to submit an accounting of their use to the Department of Environmental Quality within 30 days after the termination of the State of Emergency.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed on this 3rd day of April 2019.



Pete Ricketts, Governor
State of Nebraska



Robert B. Evnen, Secretary of State
State of Nebraska

Attest:

