WHEREAS, the late winter blizzards, extremely cold temperatures, then sudden warm temperatures and heavy rain in March have caused widespread severe damages across 81 of the State’s 93 counties; and

WHEREAS, this catastrophic situation has resulted in the President of the United States declaring a major disaster for Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska has the responsibility to ensure coordinated and efficient disaster relief and recovery operations in order to assist victims in alleviating the effects of disaster;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, under the provisions of RRS § 81-829.40 do hereby direct the creation of the Governor’s Task Force on Housing (Task Force) to provide oversight and ensure the effective coordination of housing relief brought on from the disaster.

Pursuant to this declaration, I hereby order the following:

1. The Task Force shall conduct a detailed examination of all available resources relating to housing impacts across the State and will coordinate stakeholder efforts placing a high priority on ensuring availability of adequate, affordable housing and the availability of individuals and families to rent or purchase those homes.
2. The Nebraska Department of Economic Development and Nebraska Investment Finance Authority shall act as Co-Chairs, and the Task Force will meet at their direction.
3. The Governor and Task Force Co-Chairs shall determine Task Force membership.
4. All State and appropriate Federal agencies to cooperate with and support the Task Force as may be appropriate and lawful.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed on this 29th day of April 2019.

Attest:

Robert B. Evnen, Secretary of State
State of Nebraska