



STATE of NEBRASKA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
LINCOLN

**EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 23-06**  
**Open Fire Ban**

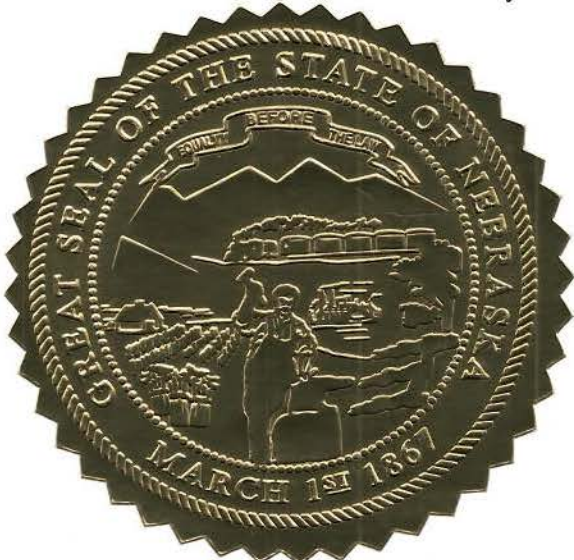
**WHEREAS**, a continuing period of dry weather statewide in conjunction with moderate to extreme drought conditions is endangering the health and safety of a significant number of Nebraska citizens. The continuing period of dry weather and drought conditions may cause increased dangers and elevated fire risk to include extreme rangeland fire danger, and may create problems greater in scope than local governments alone may resolve;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with statutory monitoring requirements the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, following a review of climatic, hydrologic, and water supply conditions, indicates the existence of a potential for drought related emergencies in Nebraska; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, under the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-829.40, which confers emergency responsibilities and powers upon the Governor, I, Jim Pillen, as Governor of the State of Nebraska do hereby declare that a state of emergency exists within the state.

**PURSUANT TO THIS DECLARATION, I HEREBY SUSPEND §81-520.01 (2) AND DIRECT** a statewide suspension of the authority vested in local fire chiefs to waive the open burning ban in all portions of the state determined to be at high, very high, or extreme risk for rangeland fires until midnight April 16, 2023.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this the 13th day of April 2023.



Attest:

  
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Jim Pillen, Governor  
State of Nebraska

  
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Robert B. Evnen, Secretary of State  
State of Nebraska