



STATE of NEBRASKA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
LINCOLN

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25-01**

**Support for Federal Immigration Policy Implementation**

**WHEREAS**, Article IV-6 of the Nebraska State Constitution charges the Governor to take care that Nebraska's laws be faithfully executed and the affairs of the state be efficiently and economically administered;

**WHEREAS**, while the primary responsibility for enforcing immigration law rests with the federal government, states, counties, as well as cities and towns, have crucial roles in upholding America's immigration laws, fighting illegal immigration, and protecting our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-109 authorizes the Governor to cooperate with federal agencies and to delegate the performance of such duties to any department or agency of the state to which it may seem proper and expedient to do so.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Jim Pillen, Governor of the State of Nebraska, under and pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor by the Constitution and the laws of Nebraska do hereby order and direct that, to the fullest extent permitted by law:


1. All departments and agencies of the state review their rules, policies, and practices and to ensure they support federal immigration laws and directives to the fullest extent permitted by law, including the following Presidential executive orders: *Protecting the American People Against Invasion*, *Securing Our Borders*, and *Declaring a National Emergency at the Southern Border of the United States*, each issued on January 20, 2025.
2. The Nebraska State Patrol and the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services shall:
  - a. Fully cooperate with administrative or criminal investigative efforts of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Department of Justice, and subsidiary agencies in the enforcement of existing federal immigration laws;


- b. Affirmatively contact the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Department of Justice, and subsidiary agencies should the result of any ongoing criminal investigation result in the apprehension of individuals, where a reasonable suspicion exists that federal immigration laws have been violated;
    - c. Timely notify Immigration and Customs Enforcement when the individual will be released from criminal custody; and
    - d. Keep the individual in custody, to the extent permitted by law, to facilitate the transfer of the individual's custody to the requesting authority.
  3. To the fullest extent of the law, State agencies shall cooperate with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Criminal Apprehension Program and National Fugitive Operations Program that target undocumented noncitizens with criminal records who pose a threat to public safety.
  4. To the fullest extent of the law, all Nebraska agencies with law enforcement or incarceration authority must consider formal procedures and agreements to assist the federal government in the enforcement of immigration law, including agreements under Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g).
  5. If any provision of this Order, or the application of any provision to any individual or circumstance, is held to be invalid, the remainder of this Order and the application of its other provisions to any other individuals or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

State agencies shall assess how to most practically and effectively assist the enforcement of immigration laws to the fullest extent possible under Nebraska law and design and implement all necessary programs, policies, and practices to effectuate that goal. Agencies will be fully compliant with this Executive Order as soon as practicable, but in no event later than May 31, 2025.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this 24th day of January, 2025.



  
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Jim Pillen, Governor  
State of Nebraska

  
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Robert Evnen, Secretary of State  
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