



STATE of NEBRASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LINCOLN
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25-08
Burn Permit Suspension

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 as well as public and private property. The continuing period of dry weather and drought conditions have combined to create a dangerous environment resulting in an elevated wildfire risk which may create problems greater in scope than local governments alone may resolve; and

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 81-520.04 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 30, 2025.


IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed on this 23rd day of April, 2025.



Attest:



Jim Pillen, Governor
State of Nebraska



Robert Evnen, Secretary of State
State of Nebraska