



STATE of NEBRASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
LINCOLN

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25-12

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 suspension of the authority vested in fire chiefs or designated fire department members to waive the open burning ban and suspend all previously issued burn permits due to an enhanced risk of wildfires until midnight May 20, 2025, in the following area within the State of Nebraska:

West of a line starting at the South Dakota border following U.S. Highway 81 south to Nebraska Highway 92. Highway 92 west to U.S. Highway 281 and south following Highway 281 to the Kansas border. (Exhibit 1, Map Attached)

Open burning permits may continue to be issued by fire chiefs or designated fire department members to Irrigation Districts organized under the Irrigation District Act within the State of Nebraska and are not subject to the above suspension. Such permits may be issued only for burns on areas directly adjacent to the channel of a surface water irrigation canal. The permitted open burn by an Irrigation District shall be supervised on-site by the permitting authority, with necessary equipment available to control such burn.

I HEREBY SUSPEND burn permits issued within the State of Nebraska, with no exceptions, when the permitted burn will take place at a location under which a Red Flag Warning has been issued by the National Weather Service (NWS) for the duration of the Warning.

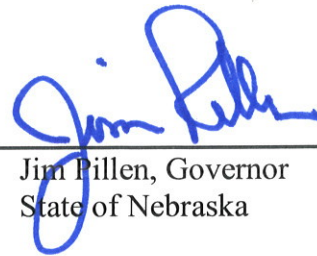
I HEREBY DECLARE this Executive Order shall become effective immediately upon the expiration of Executive Order 25-10, Burn Permit Suspension (Revised and Amended).

This order does not trigger the transportation network company dynamic pricing prohibition under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-327(2)(d)(iv).

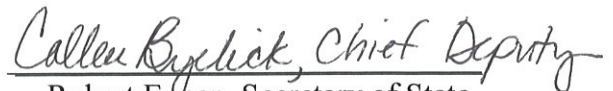
IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed on this 9th day of May, 2025.



Attest:

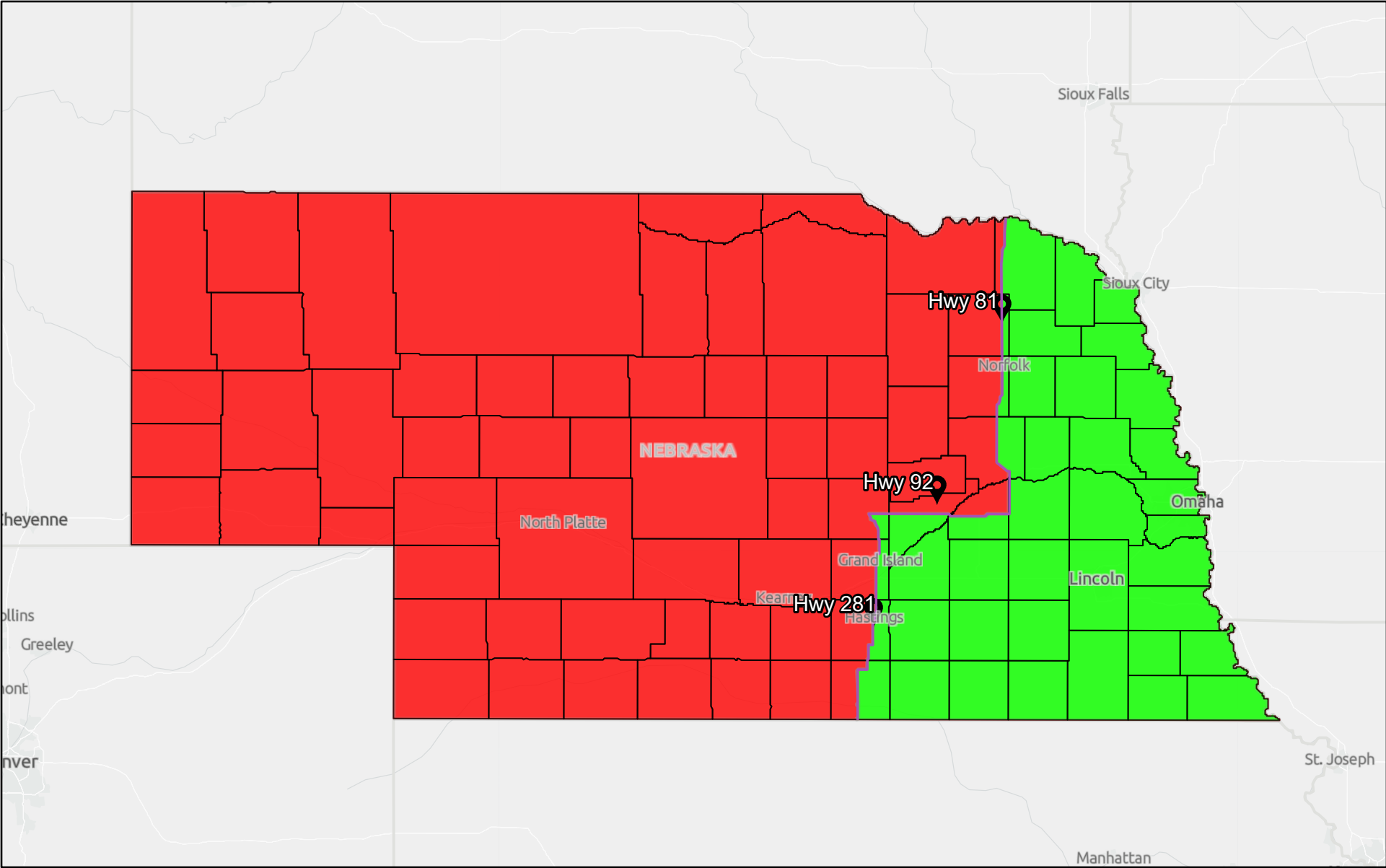


Jim Pillen, Governor
State of Nebraska

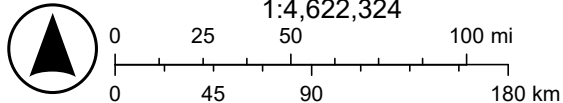


Robert Ewen, Secretary of State
State of Nebraska

Executive Order Burn Permit Suspension, Exhibit 1



-  Burn Ban Line
-  Burn Permits Permitted
-  Burn Permit Suspension until May 20th
-  Highway Marker
-  County Boundaries



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