



STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Experts agree that nutrition status is a direct measure of health, and that good nutrition can keep people healthy and out of health care institutions; and

WHEREAS,

Inadequate or unbalanced nutrition, known as malnutrition, is prevalent in many groups, including vulnerable populations such as hospitalized patients, with older adults having the highest rate of malnutrition compared to other groups; and

WHEREAS,

Illness, injury, and malnutrition can result in the loss of lean body mass, leading to complications that impact good patient health outcomes, including recovery from surgery, illness, or disease; and

WHEREAS,

Nutrition is a determinant of health, and malnutrition has been exacerbated by the global COVID-19 health pandemic; and

WHEREAS,

Disease-related malnutrition is a highly prevalent form of malnutrition; and

WHEREAS,

Over 2 million hospital stays involve malnutrition per year; and

WHEREAS,

Each day, approximately 15,000 hospital patients with malnutrition go undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS,

Malnourished patients have two times longer hospital stays compared to patients with no malnutrition; and

WHEREAS,

For malnourished patients, the 30-day readmission rate is 1.6 times higher than patients without malnutrition; and

WHEREAS,

Readmitted malnourished patients are twice as likely to be diagnosed with an infection; and

WHEREAS,

Malnourished patients have two times higher hospital costs compared to the average cost of all hospital stays; and

WHEREAS,

Readmitted malnourished patients have 22% higher hospital costs than readmitted patients with no malnutrition; and

WHEREAS,

Malnourished patients have three times the mortality rate of the mortality rate of all hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS,

Twenty to thirty percent of adults in the community are at risk or have malnutrition; and

WHEREAS,

Malnutrition plays a role in cognitive deterioration, decreased functional capacity, and affects quality of life; and

WHEREAS,

Screening, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention are key to improving malnutrition in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of September 19 – 23, 2022 as

MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

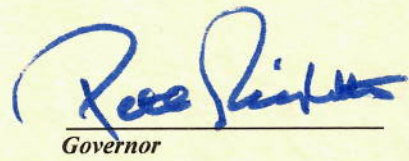
in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Fifteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-two.

Attest:




Secretary of State


Governor