

STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS, *The safety and well-being of children is a priority in Nebraska; and*

WHEREAS, *More than 200,000 children are injured on playgrounds in the United States each year, equaling an average of one playground-related emergency room visit every 2.5 minutes; and*

WHEREAS, *The National Program for Playground Safety is located at the University of Northern Iowa to help inform the nation about playground injuries and possible ways to reduce the number of injuries; and*

WHEREAS, *The National Program for Playground Safety has identified key areas that could help substantially reduce the number of playground injuries and keep our children SAFE — providing proper Supervision, Age appropriate equipment, materials to soften Falls to the surface, and Equipment maintenance; and*

WHEREAS, *It is appropriate to set aside a week each year for the direction and thought on how to keep our children safer on playgrounds; and*

WHEREAS, *Spring is often a time when children head to the playground. A large percentage of playground injuries occur from April through June; and*

WHEREAS, *Child care centers, schools, parks and other public facilities are preparing for the summer season and playground participants; and*

WHEREAS, *All of us that care about children make the commitment that no Nebraska child shall play on an unsafe playground.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of April 26 - 30, 2010, as*

PLAYGROUND SAFETY 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 Tenth day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Ten.*



Attest:

*Jan D. Lee*  
Secretary of State

*Dave Heineman*  
Governor