



STATE of NEBRASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
LINCOLN

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25-09
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 local fire chiefs to waive the open burning ban and suspend all previously issued burn permits due to an enhanced risk of wildfires until midnight May 10, 2025 in the following area within the State of Nebraska:

West of a line starting at the South Dakota border following U.S. Hwy 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).


I HEARBY SUSPEND all burn permits for areas outside the boundaries described above 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 HEARBY RECIND Executive Order 25-08, Burn Permit Suspension and **REPLACE** it with this Executive Order regarding Burn Permits.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed on this 29th day of April 2025.



Attest:



Jim Pillen, Governor
State of Nebraska



Robert Evnen, Secretary of State
State of Nebraska