

STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Nebraska's farmer owned agricultural cooperatives have served rural Nebraska with products, services, employment opportunities, education, community betterment, and other economic benefits for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS,

Nebraska's farmer owned agricultural cooperatives are the only agricultural input and supply and/or grain companies owned and controlled by their farmer and rancher patrons and that distribute their net income back to their local patron owners based upon the amount of business done, not as a return on investment; and

WHEREAS,

Nebraska's farmer owned agricultural cooperatives maintain facilities and employment locations in 374 rural communities in Nebraska, directly employ over 5,400 Nebraskans, provide scholarships to rural students, support their rural community and school organizations, reinvest nearly \$186 million annually in facilities to serve Nebraska's farmers and ranchers, and pay their farmer and rancher patron owners nearly \$78 million annually in patronage and equity redemption payments contributing to a total economic impact on the State of Nebraska of approximately \$2 billion annually; and

WHEREAS,

Nebraska's farmer owned agricultural cooperatives are an integral part of the rural fabric of Nebraska and contribute to Nebraska being home to "the Good Life."

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of October, 2018 as

COOPERATIVE MONTH

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 Eleventh day of September, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen.



Attest:

John A. Guse
Secretary of State

Pete Ricketts
Governor