

# STATE OF NEBRASKA



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,**

*Each year, Nebraska faces destructive forces from tornados, hail, ice storms, and thunderstorms, all of which carry the potential to cause serious damage or, even worse, destruction to private property and homes; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Following disasters, stressed and strained homeowners are vulnerable to well-rehearsed, predatory practices from dishonest contractors fraudulently adding costs to repair or rebuild homes; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*These predatory practices by some contractors generally increase costs to rebuild for insurers and homeowners alike, ultimately driving up insurance premiums on consumers and forcing some insurers to reevaluate their exposure; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Insurance fraud adds five to ten percent to claims expenses paid for by insurers and consumers; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*An effective public outreach campaign must highlight the various types of contractor fraud schemes and provide methods in how consumers can identify and avoid such schemes; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*The National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages Nebraskans to get at least three written estimates, check contractor credentials, and work closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding process when hiring a contractor; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Nebraskans are encouraged to become familiar with contractor fraud and participate in the various programs during the third annual Contractor Fraud Awareness Week.*

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

*I, Jim Pillen, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of May 20 – 24, 2024, as*

### **CONTRACTOR FRAUD AWARENESS WEEK**


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

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this First Day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-four.*



Attest:

  
Secretary of State

  
Governor