

# STATE OF NEBRASKA



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,**

*The Nebraska Center for the Book, Humanities Nebraska, Nebraska Library Commission, and other organizations across the state are urging all citizens of Nebraska to participate in the One Book One Nebraska Reads "Dancing with the Octopus: A Memoir of a Crime" initiative during the year 2024; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*"Dancing with the Octopus" is a novel by Nebraska native Debra Harding. The true story of the traumatic childhood kidnapping and attack, and the aftereffects of which would change her family forever. Harding expertly weaves the past with the present in a riveting story of survival and family dynamics. Her debut book has been compared to bestsellers like "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls and "Educated" by Tara Westover; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Reading "Dancing with the Octopus" in communities across Nebraska in 2024 provides common ground for Nebraska citizens of all ages to share their common experiences, reflect on the past, and contemplate the future, connecting Nebraskans across time and place.*

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

*I, Jim Pillen, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the year 2024 as*

### **ONE BOOK ONE NEBRASKA: "DANCING WITH THE OCTOPUS: A MEMOIR OF A CRIME" YEAR**

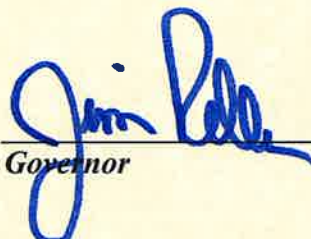
*in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.*

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



**Attest:**

  
Secretary of State

  
Governor