

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 initiative by reading “The Long March Home: A World War II Novel of the Pacific” during the year 2025; and

WHEREAS,

“The Long March Home” is a novel co-written by Nebraska native Tosca Lee and Marcus Brotherton. It is a historical fiction novel inspired by true stories of friendship and sacrifice on the Bataan Death March. The “Long March Home” is a gripping, coming-of-age tale of the power of unrelenting hope; and

WHEREAS,

Reading “The Long March Home” in communities across Nebraska in 2025 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 2025 as the year of

**ONE BOOK ONE NEBRASKA:
“THE LONG MARCH HOME:
A WORLD WAR II NOVEL OF THE PACIFIC”**

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 Seventh Day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Five.



Attest:

Secretary of State

Governor