

STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS,

The State of Nebraska recognizes the importance of ensuring all its citizens have access to the support and financial planning tools they need to lead fulfilling, successful lives; and

WHEREAS,

Individuals with disabilities and their families face numerous financial challenges above and beyond the average Nebraskan that necessitate a more involved level of financial planning to encourage these individuals and their families to begin saving as early as possible; and

WHEREAS,

The State of Nebraska understands the challenges parents, grandparents, and caregivers face when trying to plan for the financial future of a loved one with a disability; and

WHEREAS,

It is in the best interests of the State of Nebraska to encourage and facilitate individuals with disabilities and their families to begin long-term financial planning and to allow them to work as much as they are able and still be supported, so all citizens can more fully contribute to our businesses, organizations, and communities; and

WHEREAS,

In December 2014, the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act was signed into federal law authorizing individuals with disabilities to open tax-exempt savings accounts to save for disability-related expenses without impacting eligibility for resource-based benefits; and

WHEREAS,

Nebraska's Enable Savings Plan offers an opportunity for individuals and their families to begin investing in the future, to provide not only financial security for a qualified individual but peace of mind for their loved ones; and

WHEREAS,

Launched in 2016, Nebraska's Enable Savings Plan has nearly 4,100 accounts, totaling \$42.5 Million in assets, as of June 11, 2024. These funds assist individuals and their families nationwide in saving for their futures and, for the first time ever, being able to think about long-term savings. Today, there are more than 2,700 Enable accounts owned by Nebraska residents; and

WHEREAS,

Launched this summer, the new Give to Enable Crowdfunding page will allow all Nebraskans to assist these individuals in saving for things they need to live fulfilling, successful lives; and

WHEREAS,

On Aug 14, 2024, the State of Nebraska will recognize the many advantages of having an Enable Savings account and of using the new Give to Enable crowdfunding page.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Jim Pillen, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the 14th day of August 2024 as

ABLE TO SAVE 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 First Day of August in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-four.

Attest:




Secretary of State


Governor