

STATE OF NEBRASKA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *Latex sensitivity/allergy affects 1 – 6% of the general public and 10 – 17% of healthcare workers and others who routinely have contact with latex products; and*

WHEREAS, *Unlike other allergens, which can be avoided, latex allergens are found in virtually thousands of common items and foods; and*

WHEREAS, *Once an individual is sensitized to latex, the allergy can quickly become more severe with every exposure and contact can lead to severe reactions and even death; and*

WHEREAS, *The exposure of the general public to high amounts of latex has created a health risk to persons of all ages and in all parts of the country; and*

WHEREAS, *Latex allergy is often undiagnosed, so the elimination of unnecessary latex in the environment and public awareness will ultimately save lives and prevent future sensitization of the next generation.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of October 2 – 8, 2005, as*

NATIONAL LATEX ALLERGY WEEK

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 Twenty-Seventh day of September, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Five.

Attest:

*John A. Gale
Secretary of State*

*Dave Heineman
Governor*