

# STATE OF NEBRASKA



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,**

*On February 25 – 26, 1992, the population of the town of Khojaly in Azerbaijan, was subjected to a massacre, resulting in the death of over 600 innocent civilians, including many children, women, and elderly; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*The renowned international human rights organization, Human Rights Watch, called this tragedy the largest massacre in the region; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*This event in Khojaly is a sobering reminder of the terrible damage that can be inflicted in wartime and the enduring need for greater understanding, communication, and tolerance among people over the world; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Azerbaijanis living in Nebraska and around the globe observe February 26th every year as a day of remembrance, honoring victims of the Khojaly massacre.*

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

*I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the 26th day of February, 2016 as*

### **KHOJALY REMEMBRANCE DAY**

*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 Third day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen.*



*Attests*

*John A. Goe*  
Secretary of State

*Pete Ricketts*  
Governor