



STATE of NEBRASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
LINCOLN

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26-06
Burn Permit Suspension

WHEREAS, A continuing period of dry weather statewide in conjunction with moderate to extreme drought conditions is endangering the health and safety of a significant number of Nebraska citizens as well as public and private property. The continuing period of dry weather, high winds, and drought conditions have combined to create a dangerous environment resulting in an elevated wildfire risk which may create problems greater in scope than local governments alone may resolve; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with statutory monitoring requirements, the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, following a review of climatic, hydrologic, and water supply conditions, indicates the existence of a potential for drought-related emergencies in Nebraska; and

NOW, THEREFORE, under the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-829.40, which confers emergency responsibilities and powers upon the Governor, I, Jim Pillen, as Governor of the State of Nebraska, do hereby declare that a state of emergency exists within the state.

PURSUANT TO THIS DECLARATION, I HEREBY SUSPEND §§81-520.01(2), 81-520.04, and 28-506 AND DIRECT a suspension of the authority vested in fire chiefs or designated fire department members to waive the open burning ban and suspend all previously issued burn permits due to an enhanced risk of wildfires until 11:59 p.m. on March 27, 2026, for the entire State of Nebraska..

I HEREBY SUSPEND burn permits issued within the State of Nebraska, with no exceptions, when the permitted burn will take place at a location under which a Red Flag or similar warning has been issued by the National Weather Service (NWS) for the duration of the Warning.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed on this 13th day of March, 2026.



Attest:


Jim Pillen, Governor
State of Nebraska


Robert Evnen, Secretary of State
State of Nebraska