

# STATE OF NEBRASKA



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,**

*President William Howard Taft established Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge on January 11, 1912 as a preserve and breeding ground for native birds; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Later that year, the Refuge's purpose was expanded to include the conservation of bison and elk herds representative of those that once roamed the Great Plains; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*The Refuge provides habitat for over 230 species of birds, 350 bison, 75 elk, and a host of other mammal, reptile, amphibian, and fish species on the Refuge's complex mixing of six wet and dry ecosystems; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Fort Niobrara NWR provides wildlife-dependent recreation and education for approximately 50,000 people each year; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*The Refuge contributes significantly to the economy and natural diversity of the State of Nebraska.*

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

*I, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the 11th day of January, 2012, as the*

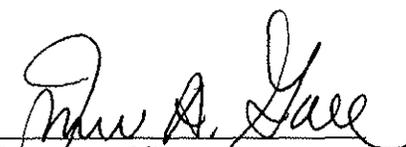
### **100TH ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION OF FORT NIOBRARA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

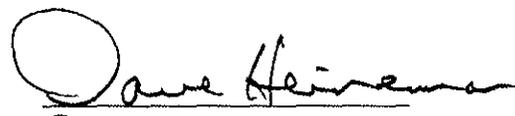
*in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.*

*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 January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twelve.*



*Attest:*

  
Secretary of State

  
Governor