

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

More than 140 years ago, the United States Tennis Association, originally known as the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, was founded in New York City, New York, to create rules and standards for the emerging game of lawn tennis; and

WHEREAS,

The United States Tennis Association is the nonprofit, national governing body for tennis in the United States and leads the promotion and growth of the sport at every level of play, from beginners to professionals at the U.S. Open; and

WHEREAS,

The United States Tennis Association is the largest tennis organization in the world, with over 550,000 members from every corner of the country; and

WHEREAS,

The United States Tennis Association proudly partners with local tennis programs to showcase the important health, social, and educational benefits of tennis, and make the sport available to everyone, regardless of age, environment, condition, or ability, through its United States Tennis Association Adaptive grants; and

WHEREAS,

The latest research by the Physical Activity Council shows that more than 23.8 million Americans played tennis in 2023, an unprecedented 25% increase in participation over 2020 and the highest number of players since the Physical Activity Council study began in 2007; and

WHEREAS,

By increasing the accessibility of tennis for Nebraskans of all ages and abilities, the United States Tennis Association has contributed to making Nebraska communities happier and healthier; and

WHEREAS,

The United States Tennis Association has declared the month of May as National Tennis Month to encourage players, organizations, facilities, retailers, tennis manufacturers, and more to promote local programs and activities at parks and facilities to showcase tennis and spread the word about the sport and its benefits, and to help players and non-players alike find courts and play opportunities in their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Jim Pillen, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of May 2024 as


NATIONAL TENNIS MONTH

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this twentieth day of May, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-four.



Attest:


Secretary of State


Governor