

Proclamation



Nebraska Judicial Branch

WHEREAS,

Ernest C. Friesen, Jr., the founder and first dean of the National Judicial College, pioneered the field of court administration and defined the eight purposes of courts: 1) to do individual justice in individual cases, 2) to appear to do justice in individual cases, 3) to provide a forum for the resolution of legal disputes, 4) to protect citizens against the arbitrary use of government power, 5) to make a formal record of legal status, 6) to deter criminal behavior, 7) to help rehabilitate persons convicted of crimes, and 8) to separate persons convicted of serious offenses from society.

WHEREAS,

Trial Court Staff serve and support the trial courts, including judges, justice stakeholders, and the public.

WHEREAS,

Trial Court Staff are hard-working, patient, dependable and ethical when performing their court duties.

WHEREAS,

Trial Court Staff are fully committed to providing the highest standards of customer service and partnership in the communities where they live and work.

WHEREAS,

Trial Court Staff navigate challenges, adapt to new demands, and support the shared mission of providing access to justice for all Nebraskans.

WHEREAS,

Trial Court Week, in conjunction with the Nebraska Supreme Court's Summer Tour, is recognizing the dedication and achievements of the trial courts and their staff across the great State of Nebraska.

WHEREAS,

In celebration of our nation's 250th Anniversary and more than 170 years of the Nebraska Judiciary, we honor the Nebraska Trial Courts and their staff for their tireless devotion to their courts and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Jeffrey J. Funke, Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of August 10 through 14, 2026, as

Nebraska Trial Court Week

On behalf of the Nebraska Judicial Branch, I urge all citizens—particularly those within the legal community—to recognize Nebraska Trial Court Staff who continue to make significant contributions to the Nebraska trial courts and the judicial system.



GIVEN under my hand,

Chief Justice Jeffrey J. Funke

Dated this tenth day of August 2026

