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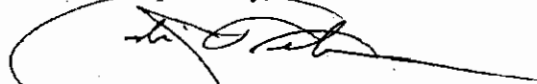
Dear Governor Pillen,

Twenty years ago this month I accepted then-Governor Dave Heineman's appointment to be a district court judge for the Third Judicial District, namely, Lancaster County. I write today to announce that I will retire, effective January 31, 2026.

It has been an absolute honor, distinct privilege, and highlight of my career to have had this opportunity to serve the citizens of Lancaster County and the State of Nebraska as a district court judge. I have loved this job. It has been such a joy to work with my colleagues on the bench both here in Lancaster County and throughout the state, as well as the talented lawyers who have practiced before me. Without a doubt, they are some of the most hard-working, conscientious, and dedicated people you could find anywhere.

I have also been fortunate to spend my career working with my amazing court staff, or better said, my court family. Each day they have worked hard to serve those that utilize the court with efficiency, grace, and professionalism. I owe them a debt of gratitude for their service. I could not have done this job without them.

Respectfully,



Jodi L. Nelson

District Court Judge

cc: Chief Justice, Jeffrey J. Funke

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