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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

January 24, 2020

The Honorable Pete Ricketts
Governor of Nebraska
State Capitol Bldg.
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Lincoln, NE 68509-4848

Dear Governor Ricketts:

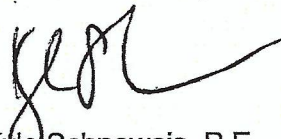
During their December 13, 2019 meeting, the Nebraska State Highway Commission voted to recommend naming US Highway 20 (US-20), from the Wyoming-Nebraska state line to the Nebraska-Iowa state line the "Nebraska Medal of Honor Highway." The renamed highway — located in Sioux, Dawes, Sheridan, Cherry, Brown, Rock, Holt, Antelope, Pierce, Cedar, Dixon, and Dakota counties — honors the courage and sacrifice of Nebraska's soldiers who risked life and limb during combat with an enemy of the United States.

The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, who proposed and sponsored the designation, have met the stipulations for naming a highway as outlined in the Nebraska Department of Transportation's Operating Instruction 60-1.

Information relevant to naming of US-20 is enclosed for your review. This includes letters of support from former U.S. Senator Bob Kerrey and Nebraska State Senators Tim Gragert, Joni Albrecht, Tom Brewer, Tom Briese, Steve Erdman, Brett Lindstrom, Mark Kolterman, Curt Friesen, Steve Halloran, and Carol Blood. The application also includes letters of support from counties, towns, and villages located along the route.

Your signature authorizing approval to proceed is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



Kyle Schneweis, P.E.
Director

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Enclosure

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I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, affix my signature of approval to rename US Highway 20 (US-20), from the Wyoming-Nebraska state line to the Nebraska-Iowa state line the "Nebraska Medal of Honor Highway."

Signed on this the 31st day of January, 2020



Pete Ricketts, Governor, State of Nebraska

**Nebraska State Highway Commission Policy
Nebraska Medal of Honor Highway
Resolution No. 2019-1**

WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor is our nation's highest award for valor presented to veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States for acting with courage and bravery above and beyond the call of duty at the risk of one's life during combat with an enemy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the state of Nebraska has been home to seventy-three (73) Medal of Honor recipients, who served in nine wars and conflicts, from the American Civil War to the Somalia campaign, spanning over one-hundred years, and

WHEREAS, United States Highway 20 (US-20) is the longest highway in the United States, stretching from coast to coast, from Newport, Oregon to Boston, Massachusetts, with 431.6 miles running through the State of Nebraska; and

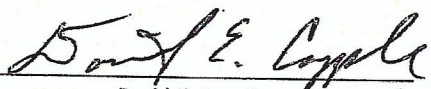
WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Nebraska has requested that the Nebraska State Highway Commission and the Nebraska Department of Transportation support naming United States Highway 20 (US-20) "Nebraska Medal of Honor Highway" in tribute to Nebraska Medal of Honor recipients

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Nebraska State Highway Commission recommends to the Governor of the State of Nebraska the following:

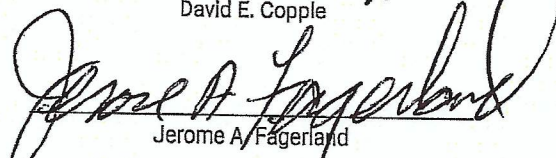
1. Naming US-20 "Nebraska Medal of Honor Highway"
2. Per NDOT policy, approve installation of two signs at either end of US-20 Corridor in Nebraska

Approved:

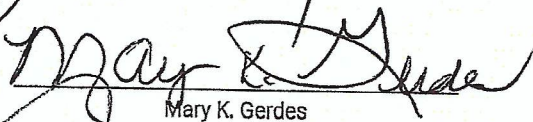
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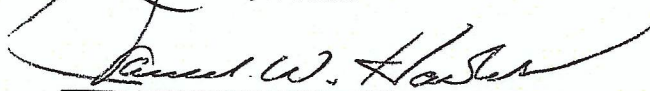
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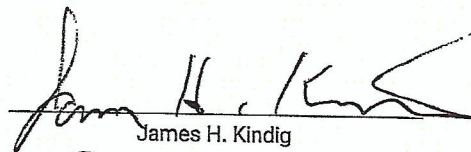
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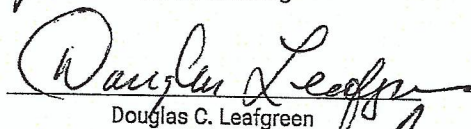
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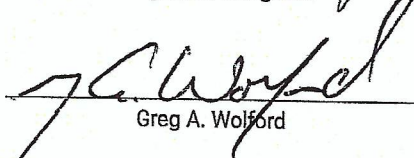
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