

Proclamation



Nebraska Judicial Branch

WHEREAS,

The Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) was designed to support the vision that all youth involved in the juvenile justice system have opportunities to develop into healthy, productive adults. After more than a decade of innovation and replication, JDAI is one of the nation's most effective, influential, and widespread juvenile justice system reform initiatives; and

WHEREAS,

JDAI has been active in the state of Nebraska since 2011; and

WHEREAS,

JDAI initiative is operational in four jurisdictions in Nebraska; Douglas, Sarpy, Otoe & Lancaster Counties; and

WHEREAS,

JDAI has been influential in reducing the unnecessary use of detention in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS,

JDAI increases the likelihood of youth becoming productive citizens, while balancing public safety, and often leading to cost savings; and

WHEREAS,

JDAI relies on the expertise and support from judges, probation staff, defense attorneys, prosecutors, supervision personnel, law enforcement, state senators, researchers, educators, and others dedicated to improving the lives of young people and strengthening communities across our state.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Michael G. Heavican, Chief Justice of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the weeks of June 21, 2021, and June 28, 2021, as



Recognition Weeks for the 10th Anniversary of Nebraska's Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative

On behalf of the Nebraska Judicial Branch, I urge all citizens – particularly those within the legal community – to recognize the Nebraska stakeholders who make JDAI work and the significant contributions that JDAI has made, and will continue to make in their jurisdictions and statewide, in achieving positive outcomes for young people.

GIVEN under my hand,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael G. Heavican", written over a horizontal line.

Chief Justice Michael G. Heavican

Dated this 21st day of June, 2021

