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Gale urges flag display on July 4th holiday

LINCOLN – Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale is encouraging Nebraskans to fly the U.S. flag on the July 4th holiday to show their support for U.S. military personnel, and especially those serving in combat zones in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Independence Day is a time to reflect on the heroic efforts of our military personnel from the time of the Revolutionary War to the present, and their sacrifices for freedom and liberty," said Gale, who serves as chief protocol officer for Nebraska.

"Bringing stability and hope for freedom to Iraq and Afghanistan are worthy goals, and we need to express our support for our military personnel seeking to achieve those goals," he said.

"Let's never forget the extreme dangers they face and their valiant service," he said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with them."

Gale noted that displaying the U.S. flag is a good way to demonstrate pride in America. "The U.S. flag is the national symbol of our values of freedom, liberty and democracy," he said.

As a free public service, people may arrange with Gale's office to have U.S. and Nebraska flags flown at the State Capitol throughout the year in recognition of individuals, accomplishments and special occasions.

Those interested must provide the flag, deliver it to Gale's office and provide information as to why the flag is being flown. Flags flown at the Capitol are accompanied by a keepsake certificate signed by Gale detailing the date and purpose of the flight.

For flag arrangements, contact Kacey Nelkin at (402) 471-4070.

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