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**Gale urges American pride on the Fourth of July**

LINCOLN – Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale encouraged Nebraskans to fly the U.S. flag during the Fourth of July to show pride in America.

Gale said flying the flag can help people reflect on what it means to be an American. "The U.S. flag beautifully serves as the symbol of American values of freedom, liberty and democracy," he said.

The flag also serves as reminder of the vital contributions of the American military in protecting our country, Gale said.

"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," he said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with our troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan."

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, call (402) 471-4070.

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