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Gale urges American pride on July 4th holiday

LINCOLN – Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale encouraged Nebraskans to fly the U.S. flag at their homes on the July 4th holiday to show support for U.S. military personnel and pride in America.

“We are grateful for the heroic efforts of our military personnel to bring democracy and stability to Iraq and Afghanistan,” he said. “With the extreme dangers they face, our thoughts and prayers are with them.”

Gale, who serves as chief protocol officer for Nebraska, said flying the flag can help Nebraskans reflect on what it means to be an American.

“The U.S. flag beautifully serves as the national symbol of American 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 Katie Clark at (402) 471-4070.

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