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2025 Cornhusker Boys' State Begins

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Governor Ruma Welcome

This week marks the beginning of something truly extraordinary. Hundreds of young men from every corner of Nebraska–farmers, ranchers, students, soon-to-be professional pentathletes–have come together as fellow citizens of the state we call home. We arrive from vastly different towns, different families, and different default ways of thinking, but for one week, we are united as Nebraskans under a shared purpose: to learn from one another, and to imagine what is possible when we can find common ground.

Boys' State is not simply about elections or government simulation. It is about people. It is about fostering a new form of leadership that can listen before speaking, that can disagree without disrespect, and that can hold the belief–radical in modern politics–that the other person might be right. Because in a world that rewards partisanship –Republican vs. Democrat–over principle, what we are attempting at Boys' State is nothing short of radical: to listen to one another and to think deeply before we act.

This program, after all, is not just built on City Council, legislature, or Governor races. It is built on you all here today, from every corner of Nebraska. As Governor, I will not judge the success of this week by the election you win, rather I will measure it by the kind of citizen you become. A citizen who chooses to understand his opponent. Who, even when the spotlight is gone, leads with integrity and respect towards others.

This week, you will be challenged. You may lose races (I sure did). You may have your views questioned. But if you open yourself to the full experience–if you listen, reflect, and grow–you will walk away with something much greater than a title or a trip to Boys' Nation. You will walk away with a deeper understanding of your place in your communities, in our democracy, and in our shared American history.

Let this be the week we remember not for who won what, but for how we chose to see one another. Let us show future generations of Boys' Staters that our best days are not behind us. They are yet to come.

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Beginnings
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The day opened with the cramming of elevators and running up the stairs. After everyone became settled, it was time to get to know each other. In Valley Forge people showed their talents of juggling, doing backflips, and bending thumbs. All this excitement was captured in the town chants as they walked towards the first General Assembly. After too much time sitting, and not enough time applauding, it was finally time to talk about what everyone would do as their activity. In all, the day was marked by the excitement of the coming week, while also the looming elections building nervousness about victory and defeat.