

Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale encouraged Nebraskans to fly the U.S. flag during the Fourth of July holiday to show their patriotism.

By displaying the U.S. flag, people can reflect on what it means to be an American, Gale said. “The U.S. flag is the iconic symbol of our values of freedom, liberty and democracy,” he noted.

Independence Day also is a time to reflect on the heroic sacrifices of U.S. military personnel from the time of the Revolutionary War to the present, he said. “Our thoughts and prayers are with our troops serving in Afghanistan and Iraq,” he stated.

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.