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***Newest Addition to Abbott Drive Denotes Greater Omaha as “Safe Community”***

*Sign posted on Abbott Drive indicates greater Omaha area  
is a World Health Organization Safe Community*

**OMAHA, NEB.** – Earlier today, Omaha Mayor Mike Fahey and National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter, president and CEO Kay Farrell witnessed the posting of a sign on Abbott Drive designating the greater Omaha area a safe community.

Under the leadership of the National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter, the greater Omaha area was designated a “Safe Community” by the United Nations World Health Organization. The designation includes Douglas, Sarpy, Cass and Washington counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa. The designation is a testament to the collaboration and commitment of public officials, government entities, corporations, law enforcement, health care, education and related organizations that make the greater Omaha area a safer place to live. The award was officially presented to the greater Omaha area last May. Greater Omaha is only the fourth American and 114<sup>th</sup> international community to receive this esteemed recognition.

“It is an amazing honor that the greater Omaha area has been selected a safe community by such a prominent organization,” said Farrell. “The visual reminder of the safe community designation on Abbott Drive will bring a sense of comfort and pride to area residents and those visiting our community.”

The sign is located just south of Riverfront Drive on Abbott Drive.

**About the National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter**

Founded in 1924, the National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter, is a private non-profit, community based organization that promotes safety and health by providing programs, resource services and education to individuals and organizations to prevent both the personal and economic loss associated with injuries, accidents and health hazards wherever they exist. Under the leadership of the National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter, the greater Omaha metro area was recently designated a safe community by the United Nation’s World Health Organization (WHO). For more information, visit [www.safenebraska.org](http://www.safenebraska.org).