

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, archival institutions have a responsibility to collect, organize, preserve, and make available records that document the history of the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, through these archives, future generations of South Dakotans can more accurately study the past, learn from the accomplishments of their predecessors, trace their ancestors, and understand their community's heritage while celebrating the history of our state; and,

Whereas, archives have a duty to provide public access to their records, and it is the goal of archives to increase public awareness of the role archives play in providing knowledge about the historical and cultural heritage of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, we recognize the value of South Dakota's archives, our historical records, and the numerous ways they enrich our lives; and,

Whereas, there are numerous county, municipal, university, and private archives in addition to the South Dakota State Historical Society-State Archives in South Dakota, which cooperate in the preservation and accessibility of the state's documentary heritage; and,

Whereas, archivists in South Dakota are dedicated to preserving our documentary heritage created in diverse and unique formats, maintaining records in the public trust, and improving citizen knowledge of community history:

Now, Therefore, I, Kristi Noem, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2023, as

ARCHIVES MONTH

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

Kristi Noem
Kristi Noem, Governor

Attest:

Monae L. Johnson
Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State