

**EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**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**, archival institutions have a responsibility to collect, organize, preserve, and make available records that document the history of the state of South Dakota for the education and appreciation of present and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, history helps us to define our diverse cultural identities and understand our past; 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

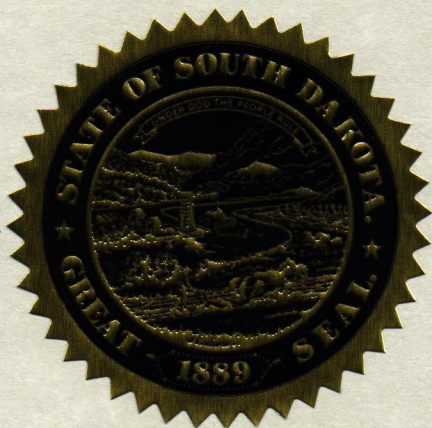
**WHEREAS**, archivists in South Dakota are dedicated to preserving, protecting, and making available historical records.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, KRISTI NOEM**, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2020, 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 Twenty-eighth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.



Kristi Noem  
Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:

Steven J. Barnett  
Secretary of State