

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota's archives enrich our lives in numerous ways. They also are our historical records; 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; 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; and,

Whereas, archives have a duty to provide public access to their records. It is the goal of archives to provide knowledge about the historical and cultural heritage of South Dakota; and,

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

Now, Therefore, I, Larry Rhoden, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2025, as

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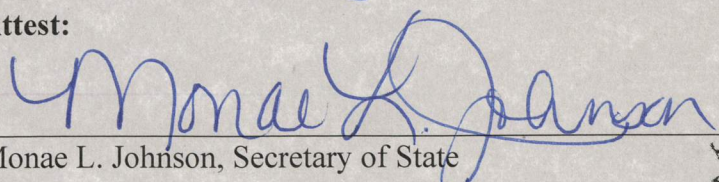
in South Dakota.



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-Seventh Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.


Larry Rhoden, Governor

Attest:


Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State