

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota is celebrating Archaeology & Historic Preservation Month in May; and,

Whereas, this celebration acquaints the public with the disciplines of archaeology and historic preservation and strengthens the enduring bond between the past and the present; and,

Whereas, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals who preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that shape us as South Dakotans; and,

Whereas, a better public appreciation and understanding of historic resources and the stories they tell is the foundation of preserving South Dakota's past for future generations; and,

Whereas, "Building American History" is the theme for South Dakota Archaeology & Historic Preservation Month 2026, sponsored by the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office:

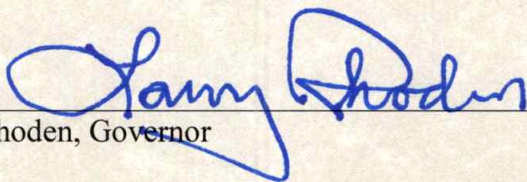
Now, Therefore, I, Larry Rhoden, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2026, as

South Dakota Archaeology & Historic Preservation
Month

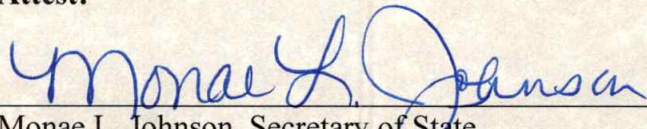
in South Dakota.



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 Seventeenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.


Larry Rhoden, Governor

Attest:


Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State