

WHEREAS, This spring, the State of South Dakota was impacted by rapid snow melt causing flood damage across the State; and,

WHEREAS, The flooding interrupted the normal flow of emergency, school, mail, and commerce traffic; and,

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2023-08 declared a disaster for ten counties in June of this year; and,

WHEREAS, Federal, State, and local officials have assessed the damage to public infrastructure and have verified the amount and extent of damage reported by local governments; and,

WHEREAS, Edmunds and Spink Counties sustained damage less than the FEMA minimum threshold but are eligible for Federal Highway Administration emergency relief:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kristi Noem, Governor of the State of South Dakota, under provisions of SDCL 34-48A, otherwise known as the Emergency Management law, do hereby declare a disaster to exist in the counties of Edmunds and Spink.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED, Federal resources are needed to help alleviate the impacts of flooding for local governments in South Dakota.

Dated in Pierre, South Dakota this 8th day of August, 2023.

Kristi Noem, Governor

Attest:

Monde L. Johnson, Secretary of State