Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, This day is set aside and memorialized in honor of Amber Hagerman and the establishment of a national AMBER Alert Program by the United States Department of Justice. To date, the AMBER Alert program has been credited with the successful rescue of 554 children; and,

Whereas, The continued success of the AMBER Alert Program is predicated on a collaborative partnership of law enforcement, broadcaster and media, departments of transportation, and citizens. The PROTECT Act, signed into law in April 2003, statutorily established the National AMBER Alert Coordinator role within the Department of Justice. South Dakota has had a statewide AMBER Alert program since March of 2003; and,

Whereas, Today, all 50 states, territories, and the District of Columbia have established AMBER Alert Plans and over 70 regional, local, and tribal plans together create the most significant child recovery network in the history of the United States; and,

Whereas, A secondary distribution effort undertaken in partnership with wireless companies, online service providers, and other private and public entities continues to enable AMBER Alerts to be sent directly to the public; and,

Whereas, Tribal nations have implemented their own plans tailored to their specific needs so that children in tribal communities may benefit from AMBER Alert; and,

Whereas, All of the states in Mexico have adopted a resolution to implement a common child alert and recovery protocol called Alerta AMBER México. This effort will improve the collaboration between United States and Mexican law enforcement in child abduction cases and is expected to increase recoveries of abducted children on both sides of the United States and Mexico border. The federal Mexican government is playing a key leadership role, similar to what the Department of Justice has provided for the United States:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 13. 2012, as

AMBER ALERT DAY

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 Twelfth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State