

*Executive Proclamation*  
*State of South Dakota*  
*Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Citizen volunteer action is a core, shared tradition of our nation; and,

*Whereas*, Millions of volunteers in the United States work in their community, including Long Term Health Care Facilities, utilizing their time and talent daily to make a real difference in the lives of people; and,

*Whereas*, All citizens – both young and old, families, work-place volunteers; and professionals have something to contribute as a volunteer; and,

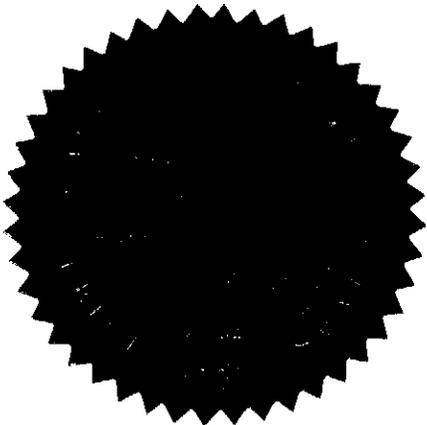
*Whereas*, Our communities benefit from any volunteer action no matter how big or small; and,

*Whereas*, Volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive nation and world:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 15-21, 2012, as

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in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to join me as we recognize our shared traditions of volunteering, and commit or recommit to volunteer involvement as a unifying force to build stronger communities.



*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 March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
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Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Jason M. Gant*  
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Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State