

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 1999, the Livestock Expansion Foundation saw fit to create South Dakota Agricultural and Rural Leadership, Inc. (SDARL) in order to identify and develop leadership for agriculture and rural communities to enhance the quality of life for all South Dakotans. SDARL chose South Dakota State University (SDSU) Professor Dr. Dan Gee to help create and sustain the SDARL program; and,

Whereas, Dr. Gee has touched the lives of thousands of SDSU students during 34 years of teaching, 17 years of coaching the livestock judging team, a longtime service as Little International advisor, Block & Bridle Club advisor, Ag-Bio Prexy Council advisor, and Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity advisor; and,

Whereas, Dr. Gee has been given many awards, including: Outstanding Teacher for the SDSU College of Ag & Bio Sciences 1969-70; Outstanding SDSU Teacher 1971; Younger Animal Scientist Award for Teaching 1974; Meritorious Service to South Dakota 4-H 1975; South Dakota Future Farmers Award 1978; Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Award of Merit 1984; Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement for Excellence in Teaching 1992; Prime Promoter by the South Dakota Beef Industry Council 1992; Agri-Businessman of the Year by the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association 1999; Distinguished SDSU Alumni 2004; and was selected as the first recipient of the Governor's Ag Ambassador Award in June 2011; and,

Whereas, Dr. Gee has been bestowed with the title of *Professor Emeritus of Animal and Range Sciences* by SDSU President Dr. Peggy Gordon Elliott in 2001; and,

Whereas, Dr. Gee has served as Executive Director for SDARL and the SDARL Alumni Association, and played an important role as mentor and leadership role model for the 150 SDARL Alumni and 33 current class members; and,

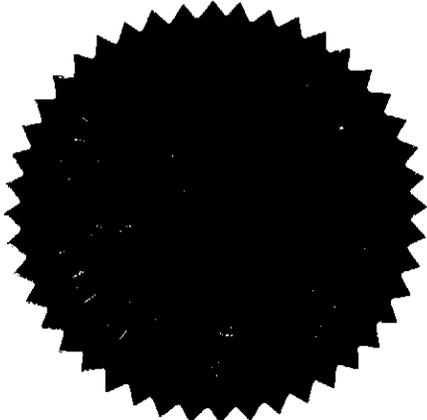
Whereas, March 24, 2012, is the graduation of SDARL Class VI and a celebration of their accomplishments, as well as a day of reflection for Dr. Gee and his wife Rae Jean as they prepare to retire from their formal duties with SDARL:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 24, 2012, as

DR. DAN GEE DAY

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to observe the day by participating in appropriate programs and activities.

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



Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State