

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Patricia Zent has dedicated the past 43 years to serving the health needs of South Dakotans; and,

Whereas, As a registered nurse, Patricia has professionally and voluntarily dedicated her life to serving the health and humanitarian needs of others. Patricia graduated from the University of Mary and has worked as an RN in the areas of school nursing, emergency room, coronary care, and has taught pediatrics and obstetrics in two schools of nursing; and,

Whereas, Patricia has been employed for 29 years by the Rapid City Area School District as a school nurse. She has promoted the health and well-being of students of all ages and races. Her professional intervention has helped school aged children with health care needs to overcome barriers to learning and participate fully in the educational process; and,

Whereas, As a Community Health Educator, Patricia has shared her knowledge and experience by teaching and mentoring nursing students. In serving the Birth to Three program, Patricia has promoted early intervention for children with special needs and support for parents; and,

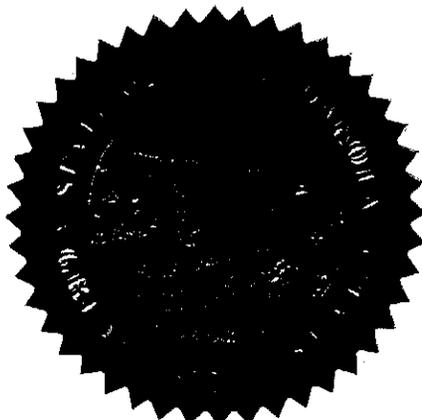
Whereas, As an advocate for the homeless, Patricia has given of her own time and resources to help others in her community and has encouraged others to do so. On a regular basis, for the past 6 years, she has visited the homeless in the park where she addresses those less fortunate by name, and offers a hot home cooked meal, clean warm clothing, and hygiene items, and has been awarded The Human and Civil Rights Award by the SDEA and Citizen of the Month by the Rapid City Council; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper to honor this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of her retirement from the Rapid City School District on April 26, 2012:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2012, as

PATRICIA ZENT DAY

in South Dakota, and I join her family, friends, and colleagues at the Rapid City School District in offering best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.



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 Thirteenth Day of April 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