

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

*Whereas*, Sergeant Major Romaine James Kocer's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

*Whereas*, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

*Whereas*, Sergeant Major Kocer has devoted more than 26 years of his life to the service of this country as a leader of Soldiers. He dedicated himself as a Senior Human Resources NCO and provided many years of service to the Adjutant General Corps. His accomplishments while serving the South Dakota DCSPER Office were abundant as he was a primary contributing factor in the development and implementation of key programs such as DBIW, MILPO Orders, and the Enlisted Centralized Board process. His leadership skills and vast administrative knowledge have always worked for the betterment of the Soldiers in the South Dakota National Guard; and,

*Whereas*, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

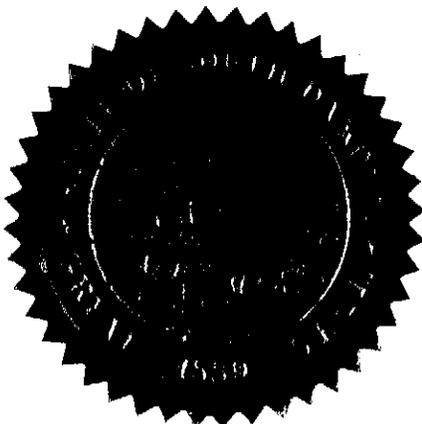
*Whereas*, Sergeant Major Kocer continues to give of himself; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Sergeant Major Romaine James Kocer for over 26 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

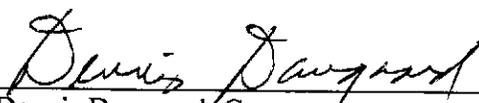
*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 14, 2012, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.



*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 Fifteenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State