

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

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

*Whereas*, South Dakota and this country was founded on hard work, perseverance, dedication, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

*Whereas*, Ambassador John R. Nay's dedication to service has made him a valuable friend to this state; and,

*Whereas*, Ambassador Nay's commitment was instrumental in the progress and success of the State Partnership Program between the Republic of Suriname and the South Dakota National Guard; and,

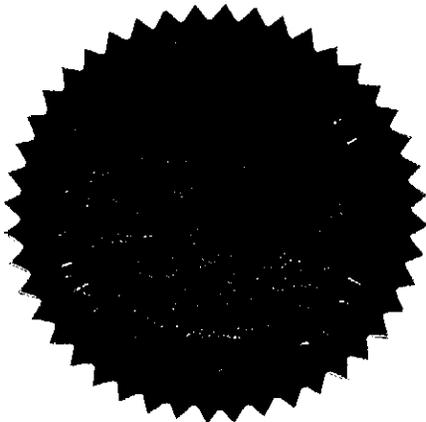
*Whereas*, Ambassador Nay served as the motivating individual through his leadership in the United States Embassy to further the overall South Dakota-Suriname relationship; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Ambassador John R. Nay for his dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country through the growth of a partnership that will endure for years:

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

***AMBASSADOR JOHN R. NAY DAY***

in South Dakota, by thanking him for his service to the South Dakota National Guard, 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 Seventh Day of August 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