

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Hilda Westra was born on November 8, 1912, on a farm in Douglas County, South Dakota, to Dewey and Hattie Westra; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Hilda married John Van Ekeren on April 2, 1931, in Corsica, and to this union they were blessed with 2 children, 5 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild; and,

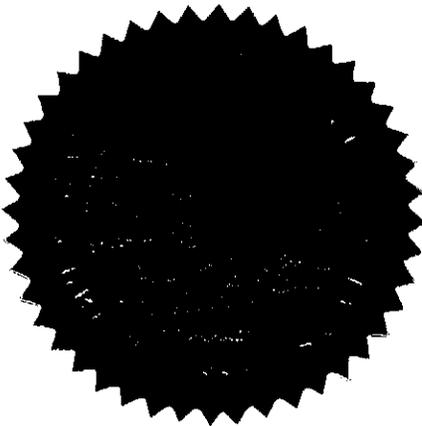
Whereas, Hilda resides at the Good Samaritan Society in Corsica and will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 8, 2012, as

HILDA VANEKEREN DAY

in South Dakota.



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 Thirtieth Day of October 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