

## South Dakota Secretary of State

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## South Dakota Celebrates Election Worker Appreciation Day on November 5, 2024

Pierre, S.D. – In recognition of the essential role that election workers, county auditors and their staff, play in maintaining the integrity of our electoral process, South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem, at the request of Secretary of State Monae L. Johnson, has officially proclaimed November 5, 2024, as Election Worker Appreciation Day in the State of South Dakota.

As the backbone of our democratic process, election workers and county auditors across the state dedicate countless hours to ensuring that every eligible citizen is able to vote freely, securely, and fairly. Their efforts ensure that elections are conducted with transparency and professionalism, adhering to the highest standards of accuracy and impartiality.

"Election workers and county auditors are fundamental to our democracy," said Secretary Monae L. Johnson. "Their tireless work in overseeing voter registration, protecting election records, managing absentee voting, and ensuring election day runs smoothly deserves our deepest gratitude and recognition. Our elections would not be possible without their commitment to serving the public."

With a high turnout expected for the 2024 election, voters are kindly reminded to exercise patience at the polls. The election workers are doing their best to ensure an efficient and secure process for every voter. By remaining calm and understanding during potential wait times or unexpected delays, citizens can help make the voting experience smoother and more positive for everyone involved.

The proclamation highlights the ongoing contributions of election workers and county auditors, not only on election day but throughout the year, as they facilitate key processes that uphold the democratic values of the State of South Dakota.

South Dakota residents are encouraged to express their appreciation to election workers and county auditors, acknowledging the vital role they play in protecting the integrity of our electoral process.