

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-09**

Whereas, Widespread drought conditions, low precipitation, and high temperatures have created serious peril for our state; and,

Whereas, Over 98 percent of our state is suffering from abnormally dry, or moderate to extreme drought conditions; and,

Whereas, Drought conditions threaten livestock, property, and the livelihood of our citizens; and,

Whereas, Moderate to extreme drought conditions are observed on farm and ranch land throughout the entire state; and,

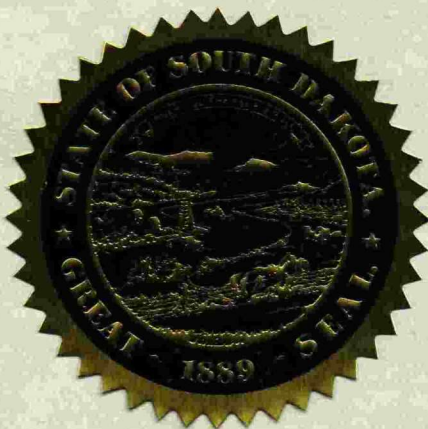
Whereas, Drought-stricken pastures and hay fields have left agricultural producers with inadequate forage for their livestock; and,

Whereas, Easing of haying restrictions is necessary to provide assistance to drought stricken areas:

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, declared under provisions of SDCL 34-48A, the Emergency Management law, that a state of emergency exists, and the provisions of ARSD 70:04:06:06, prohibiting the mowing of the right-of-way east of the Missouri River before July 10th, is hereby suspended to allow the immediate mowing of state highway ditches.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that this Executive Order shall expire August 31, 2021.

Dated in Pierre, South Dakota this 29th day of June, 2021.



Kristi Noem
Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:

Steve Barnett
Secretary of State