

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-12**

Whereas, The entire State of South Dakota has been impacted by a dangerous, multi-day severe winter storm that brought snow, high winds, and severe wind chills leading to blizzard conditions in areas where snow fell and freezing temperatures; and,

Whereas, The storm caused widespread hazardous travel conditions and road closures due to zero visibility; and,

Whereas, The blizzard conditions interrupted the normal flow of emergency, school, mail, and commerce traffic; and,

Whereas, Numerous emergency rescues were performed for stranded motorists caused by blizzard conditions; and,

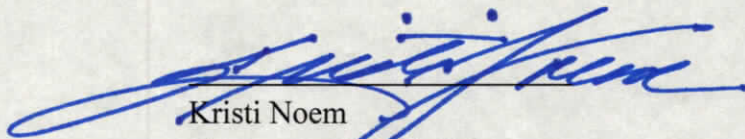
Whereas, State, tribal, and local government resources have been committed to help alleviate the effects of the severe winter storm; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kristi Noem, Governor of the State of South Dakota, under provisions of SDCL 34-48A, otherwise known as the Emergency Management law, do hereby declare a state of emergency to exist in South Dakota.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED, That technical resources available to state government will be utilized under coordination of the Department of Public Safety, Office of Emergency Management, in support of county and tribal governments to restore normal travel conditions and emergency services.

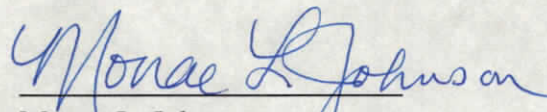
Dated in Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of December, 2022.





Kristi Noem
Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:



Monae L. Johnson
Secretary of State