

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-03**

Whereas, The State of South Dakota was impacted by a dangerous, multi-day severe winter storm with snow, high winds, and severe wind chills leading to blizzard conditions in areas where snow fell; and,

Whereas, The storm caused widespread hazardous travel conditions and road closures due to icy and impassible highways and roads and zero visibility throughout the State; and,

Whereas, This severe winter storm caused damage to the power infrastructure and caused unexpected costs for snow removal; and,

Whereas, This severe winter storm interrupted the normal flow of emergency, school, mail, and commerce traffic; and,

Whereas, Emergency services performed numerous rescues for motorists stranded by blizzard conditions; and,

Whereas, Substantial state, tribal, and local government resources were committed to alleviate the effects of this severe winter storm; and,

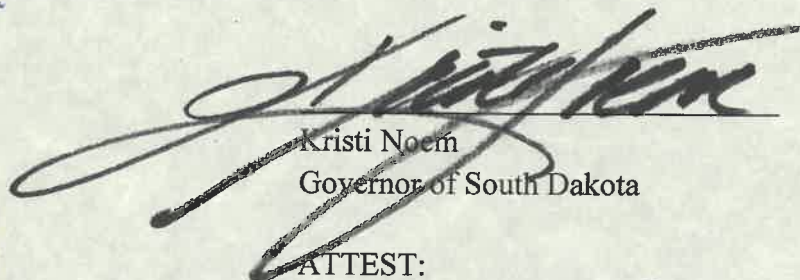
Whereas, Federal, state, and local officials assessed the damage to public infrastructure and verified the damage reported by tribal and local governments:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kristi Noem, Governor of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to SDCL 34-48A, the Emergency Management Law, do hereby declare a disaster to exist in the counties of Bennett, Brookings, Clark, Day, Deuel, Hamlin, Jackson, Jones, Kingsbury, Mellette, Oglala Lakota, Potter, Roberts, Stanley, Todd, and Tripp for three months from the date of this executive order unless further extended by a subsequent executive order.

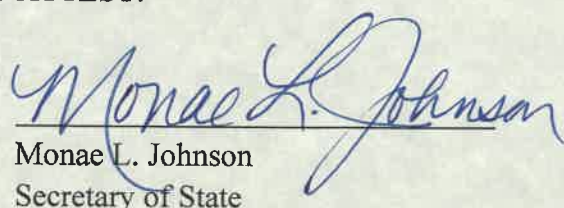
IT IS FURTHER DECLARED, Federal resources are needed to help alleviate the impacts of this severe winter storm for State, tribal, and local governments.

Dated in Pierre, South Dakota, this 7 day of February, 2023.




Kristi Noem
Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:


Monae L. Johnson
Secretary of State