

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2024-03**

**WHEREAS**, Major disasters which struck South Dakota in 2019, 2022, and 2023 caused tremendous physical and financial damages upon the citizens and governments of this State; and,

**WHEREAS**, There are sufficient opportunities to reduce the impact of future natural disasters through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, Federal disaster assistance is tied to the maintenance of an effective State Hazard Mitigation Plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, It is in the best interest of South Dakota to maintain a long-term effort to mitigate the effects of future disasters;

**IT IS, THEREFORE, BY EXECUTIVE ORDER**, Reaffirmed that the South Dakota Hazard Mitigation Team be maintained and authorized to function in compliance with the following sections of this Order:

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Section 1. The Governor of South Dakota will designate at least one person from each of the following departments and offices to form the core leadership of the South Dakota Hazard Mitigation Team:

- Office of the Governor
- Department of Education
  - Historic Preservation Office
- Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
  - Water Rights Program
- Department of Game, Fish and Parks
- Department of Health
  - Public Health Preparedness and Response
- Department of Public Safety
  - Office of Emergency Management
  - Wildland Fire
- Department of Tourism
- Governor's Office of Economic Development
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Tribal Relations
- Bureau of Human Resources and Administration
  - Office of Risk Management
- State Climatologist

The Governor may designate additional executive and non-executive branch personnel or quasi-governmental and non-governmental personnel to serve on the South Dakota Hazard Mitigation Team as the need for their expertise and counsel arises.

Section 2. The South Dakota Hazard Mitigation Team chairperson will be the director of the South Dakota Office of Emergency Management and will be the coordinating office of the South Dakota Hazard Mitigation Team with support from all government agencies and organizations with representation on the South Dakota Hazard Mitigation Team.

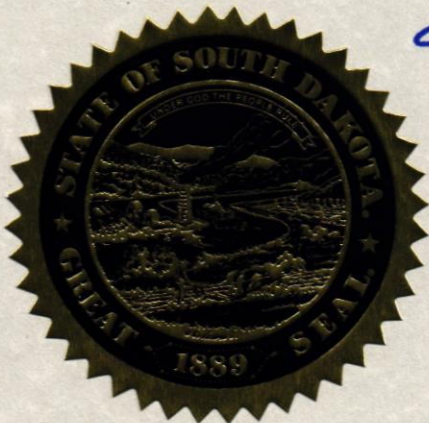
Section 3. The South Dakota Hazard Mitigation Team is charged with eliminating or reducing the physical, financial, and psychological impacts of natural disasters upon the governments and citizens of South Dakota by implementing a statewide Hazard Mitigation Program based upon Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (P.L. 93-288, as amended). The following are specific duties and responsibilities:

- Meet periodically to review and update the state's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as needed or at least every 5 years;
- Establish statewide hazard mitigation goals and objectives;
- Establish priorities for categories of hazard mitigation projects;
- Review and evaluate hazard mitigation grant applications for funding approval within the guidelines of the state's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and
- Assist in the writing, preparation, and coordination of the state's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Section 4. The South Dakota Hazard Mitigation Team will not dissolve until this Executive Order is rescinded or superseded.

Section 5. This Executive Order supersedes Executive Order 2019-29, dated December 10, 2019.

Dated in Pierre, South Dakota, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2024.



Kristi Noem  
Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:

Monae L. Johnson  
Secretary of State