

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2025-06**

Whereas, The State of South Dakota is committed to keeping citizens strong, safe, and free through the protection and enhancement of critical infrastructure and resilient systems; and,

Whereas, A comprehensive and coordinated approach is necessary to address emerging challenges related to physical and cyber threats; and,

Whereas, The State recognizes the importance of collaborative leadership across public and private sectors to build resilient infrastructure and ensure continuity of essential services in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, President Donald J. Trump signed Executive Order 14239 "Achieving Efficiency Through State and Local Preparedness" to empower state and local governments to play a more active role in national resilience and preparedness; and,

Whereas, The Governor's Resilient and Infrastructure Task Force (GRIT) will serve as a strategic advisory body to develop policy recommendations, assess risks and vulnerabilities, and support long-term planning and investment in critical infrastructure systems:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LARRY RHODEN, Governor of the State of South Dakota, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of South Dakota, including SDCL 1-32-4.1, do hereby establish the Governor's Resilient & Infrastructure Task Force (GRIT) as follows:

General Provisions

Section 1. Establishment

There is hereby established the **Governor's Resilience and Infrastructure Task Force (GRIT)**, hereinafter referred to as the "GRIT task force."

Section 2. Membership

The GRIT task force shall consist of members appointed by the Governor and shall include:

- Representatives from appropriate state agencies for public safety, military, cybersecurity, water and wastewater, transportation, or other agencies as designated by the Governor;
- Members from industry, utilities, the private sector, and academia; and
- Subject matter experts in cybersecurity, emergency management, and critical infrastructure.

The Governor shall designate a Chair and Vice Chair from among the members. Additional members may be appointed as needed at the discretion of the Governor. All members serve at the pleasure of the Governor. In the event of vacancies, appointments shall be made by the Governor. There are no term limits.

Section 3. Purpose

The purpose of the GRIT task force is to:

- Identify and assess critical infrastructure vulnerabilities across the state;
- Recommend policies and strategies to enhance infrastructure resilience;
- Promote cross-sector collaboration in emergency preparedness and cybersecurity;
- Support the integration of resilience principles into state infrastructure planning, funding, and development; and
- Facilitate public-private partnerships that strengthen community resilience and operational continuity.

Section 4. Duties

The GRIT task force shall:

- Conduct a statewide infrastructure risk and resilience assessment;
- Submit an annual GRIT Report to the Governor with findings and recommendations;
- Develop a South Dakota Resilience Framework to guide state and local planning efforts;
- Propose legislative and funding initiatives to support resilience priorities; and
- Coordinate with federal partners and regional resilience initiatives where applicable.

Section 5. Administration


The GRIT task force shall be administratively supported by the Office of the Governor in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety and the Department of the Military. Members shall serve without compensation but may receive reimbursement for travel and per diem in accordance with state law.

Section 6. Term

The GRIT task force shall remain in effect until dissolved by Executive Order or until such time as its mission is deemed complete by the Governor.

Dated in Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of June, 2025.




Larry Rhoden
Governor

ATTEST:


Monae L. Johnson
Secretary of State