

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2026-09**

WHEREAS, The State of South Dakota has been impacted by severe storms, straight line winds, flooding, and tornadoes June 28th through July 3rd; and,

WHEREAS, These severe storms, straight line winds, flooding, and tornadoes caused significant damage to utility infrastructure and buildings, and caused unexpected costs for debris removal; and,

WHEREAS, Homeowners and businesses have sustained significant damage to their property due to the severe storms, straight line winds, flooding, and tornadoes; and,

WHEREAS, These severe storms, straight line winds, flooding, and tornadoes interrupted the normal flow of emergency, mail, and commerce traffic; and,

WHEREAS, Substantial State, Tribal, and local government resources have been committed to help alleviate and respond to the severe storms, straight line winds, flooding, and tornadoes;

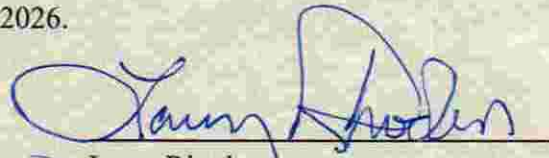
WHEREAS, Federal, State, Tribal, and local officials have assessed the damage to public infrastructure, individual homes, and businesses and have verified the damage reported:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Larry Rhoden, Governor of the State of South Dakota, under provisions of SDCL 34-48A, otherwise known as the Emergency Management law, do hereby declare a disaster to exist in the jurisdictions of Beadle, Bennett, Buffalo, Day, Hand, Hughes, Hyde, and Stanley counties, as well as the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe of the Crow Creek Indian Reservation that lies within Buffalo, Hughes, and Hyde Counties, and the portion of the Lower Brule Indian Reservation that lies within Stanley County.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED, Federal resources are needed to help alleviate the impacts of severe storms, straight line winds, flooding, and tornadoes for local governments and tribes in South Dakota.

Dated in Pierre, South Dakota this 27th day of July, 2026.




Larry Rhoden
Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:


Monae L. Johnson
Secretary of State