

Whereas, The State of South Dakota has been impacted by severe storms and tornadoes; and,

Whereas, These severe storms and tornadoes caused damage to the power infrastructure and caused unexpected costs for debris removal; and,

Whereas, Citizens have sustained significant damage to their property as a result of the severe storms and tornadoes; and,

Whereas, These severe storms and tornadoes interrupted the normal flow of emergency, school, mail, and commerce traffic; and,

Whereas, State, tribal, and local government resources have been committed to help alleviate the effects of the severe storms and tornadoes:

**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 government to restore normal travel conditions and emergency services.

Dated in Pierre, South Dakota this 13th day of May, 2022.

Kristi Noem

Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:

Steve Barnett

Secretary of State