

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, adoption plays a big role in our ongoing commitment to strengthening families in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, every child deserves the sanctuary of a home marked by safety and love. Children awaiting adoption, as well as families contemplating or preparing to adopt a child, deserve the unwavering support of their communities; and,

Whereas, this year, the need for adoptive families for teens in foster care grows, and South Dakota is looking to find homes for 57 of them. Establishing legal and emotional bonds greatly influences the future accomplishments, health, and overall well-being of these teens; and,

Whereas, during fiscal year 2023, South Dakota saw 242 children unite with their adoptive family through the Department of Social Services; and,

Whereas, South Dakota has over 100 children and teens in foster care waiting for their forever family. These include sibling groups, older youth, and young people with complex medical and behavioral needs; and,

Whereas, we celebrate all the families who have opened their homes to children through adoption and express our profound appreciation for all who help make adoptions possible:

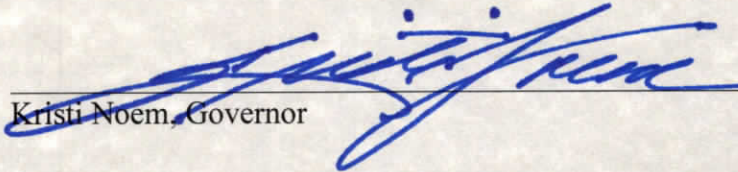
Now, Therefore, I, Kristi Noem, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 2023, as

ADOPTION MONTH

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.


Kristi Noem, Governor

Attest:


Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State