

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Prevention Week is a time to raise awareness about the importance of substance use prevention and positive mental health; and,

Whereas, Prevention Week is an opportunity to promote and share ideas, tools, and resources to help individuals and communities make healthy decisions; and,

Whereas, South Dakota's prevention network, made up of 20 Prevention Coalitions and three Prevention Resource Centers, provides important evidence-based services to communities and schools; and,

Whereas, many resources, including free toolkits, are available for communities and schools to help start conversations about suicide; and,

Whereas, prevention programming focuses on reducing risk factors and increasing protective factors to support healthy development and reduce misuse of alcohol or other drugs for people of all ages; and,

Whereas, substance use disorders in South Dakota youth have been decreasing since 2015 showing that prevention works; and,

Whereas, everyone can play a role in supporting mental health promotion and substance use prevention efforts:

Now, Therefore, I, Kristi Noem, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 8, 2022, as

PREVENTION WEEK

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 fourth day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



Kristi Noem, Governor

Attest:



Steven J. Barnett, Secretary of State