

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, throughout American history we have poured out prayers to the God of hope. In times of crisis and celebration, in prosperity and need, and in times of war and peace, we have praised God for all He is; and,

*Whereas*, we have given thanks to God for all He has done, confessed and plead for forgiveness when we have parted from His Word and will, and poured out intercession asking for His heart and hand to move for the sake of our neighbors and nation. Our history is filled with His grace, goodness, and abundant answers to those prayers; and,

*Whereas*, from the first prayer of our Continental Congress in 1774, to the opening of every session of the House of Representatives and Senate, and throughout hearts and homes across America, the practice of prayer continues, seeking God for guidance, wisdom, power, protection, and provision; and,

*Whereas*, these prayers have preserved hope and united us as one nation under God; and,

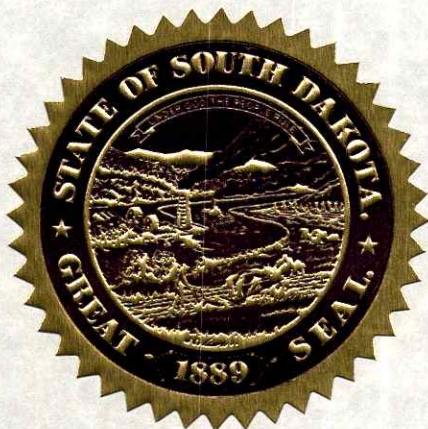
*Whereas*, the National Day of Prayer is a Public Law established in the United States Congress in 1952. It was approved by a Joint Resolution and amended by Congress and President Reagan with Public Law 100-307 in 1988, affirming that it is essential for us as a nation to pray. This law directs the President of the United States to set aside and proclaim the first Thursday of May annually as a National Day of Prayer; and,

*Whereas*, in our state and across America, the observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2025, with the theme "Pour Out to the God of Hope and Be Filled", based on Romans 15:13 that is a prayer and a promise stating, "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.":

*Now, Therefore, I, Larry Rhoden*, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2025, as

## *THE DAY OF PRAYER*

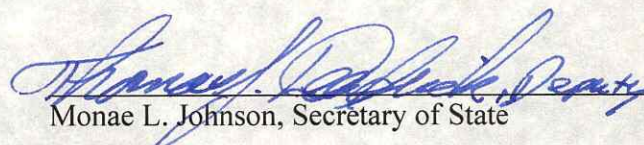
in South Dakota. I commend this observance to our citizens and request that prayers be poured out for our state and for our neighbors as we live, serve, work, and learn together, that we may be filled with all joy and peace and abound in hope.



*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 Eighth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

  
Larry Rhoden, Governor

Attest:

  
Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State