

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, all children in South Dakota deserve access to the highest-quality education possible; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in the state to be successful adults; and,

*Whereas*, quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota parents have many high-quality public and nonpublic schools to choose from. Families also have the option to educate their children in the home; and,

*Whereas*, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, it enhances the vibrancy of our community; and,

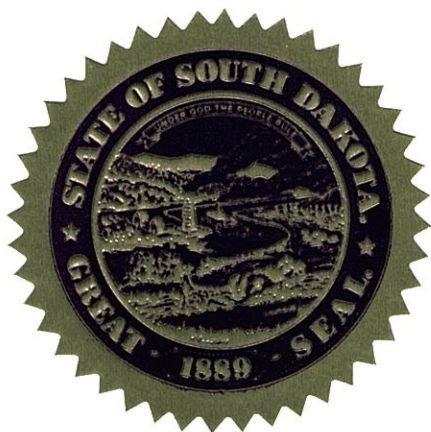
*Whereas*, South Dakota has many high-quality teaching professionals in all types of school settings who are committed to educating our children; and,

*Whereas*, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools, and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options:

*Now, Therefore, I, Kristi Noem*, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of January 21, 2024, as

## *SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK*

in South Dakota, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



*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 Twenty-first Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

  
Kristi Noem, Governor

Attest:

  
Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State