

# EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

**WHEREAS**, members of the Jewish faith have been coming to South Dakota for nearly 150 years as early settlers in communities throughout the Mount Rushmore State. Their role as early community leaders in our state and ongoing contributions to our diverse culture and way of life are deserving of recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, despite this State's long history of these positive contributions, antisemitism, including harassment on the basis of actual or perceived Jewish origin, ancestry, ethnicity, identity, affiliation, or faith, remains a persistent, pervasive, and disturbing problem in contemporary American society; and

**WHEREAS**, Jewish people continue to be a targeted minority in this State and in the United States. Data shows, for instance, that Jews are consistently the most likely of all religious groups to be victimized by incidents of hate, and that such incidents are increasing at an alarming rate; and

**WHEREAS**, valid monitoring, informed analysis and investigation, and effective policy-making by state officials and institutions all require consistent identification and awareness of the realities of antisemitism; and

**WHEREAS**, while there can be no exhaustive definition of antisemitism, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of Antisemitism has been an essential definitional tool used to determine contemporary manifestations of antisemitism, and includes useful examples of discriminatory anti-Israel acts that can cross the line into antisemitism; and

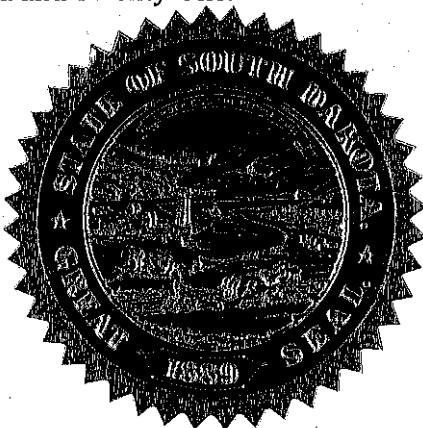
**WHEREAS**, in South Dakota, identifying Antisemitism can be done by applying this definition and explanation to bring more awareness to the continued discrimination against Jewish people. Those efforts may be amplified during a week of recognition to support and strengthen our bonds with members of the Jewish community.


**NOW, THEREFORE, I, KRISTI NOEM**, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 28, 2021, as

## SHINING A LIGHT ON ANTISEMITISM WEEK

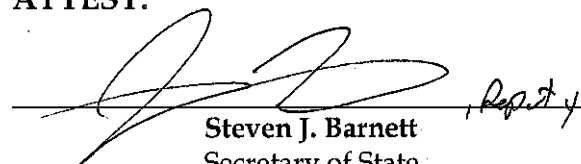
in South Dakota.

**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 twenty-sixth day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



  
Kristi Noem  
Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:

  
Steven J. Barnett  
Secretary of State