Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, the foundation of our democracy is built on free, fair, and transparent elections. The integrity of this process relies on the dedication, diligence, and commitment of election workers and county auditors across the State of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, election workers play an essential role in ensuring that every citizen who is eligible to vote can cast their ballot in a secure and orderly manner. They maintain the highest standards of accuracy and impartiality in the voting process; and,

Whereas, our county auditors have displayed exemplary leadership in preparing for and overseeing elections, managing complex logistics, addressing voter concerns, and ensuring compliance with state and federal laws, all while working tirelessly to safeguard the integrity of our elections; and,

Whereas, the contributions of these individuals extend beyond Election Day, as they dedicate themselves to the administration of voter registration, the protection of election records, and the facilitation of absentee voting to ensure that every voice is heard; and,

Whereas, the service and professionalism of our election workers and county auditors deserve to be recognized and celebrated as critical to upholding the democratic values of the State of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, we express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all election workers and county auditors for their steadfast commitment to serving the public and protecting the integrity of our electoral process. Their hard work and dedication ensure that democracy thrives in South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, Larry Rhoden, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 3, 2026, as

Election Worker Appreciation Day

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-Second Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.

Larry Rhoden

Larry Rhoden, Governor

Attest:

Monae L. Johnson

Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State