

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, On July 26, 1990, President George H. W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities; and,

Whereas, A wave of change swept across our state and our nation, tearing down barriers that kept persons with disabilities from securing their fullest measure of happiness; and,

Whereas, America became the first nation to comprehensively declare equality for its citizens with disabilities; and,

Whereas, Despite the gains we have made, independence and freedom from discrimination remain out of reach for too many individuals with disabilities; and,

Whereas, South Dakota recognizes the continued need to ensure that our policies, practices, and technologies provide all citizens the opportunity to enjoy the highest quality of life; and,

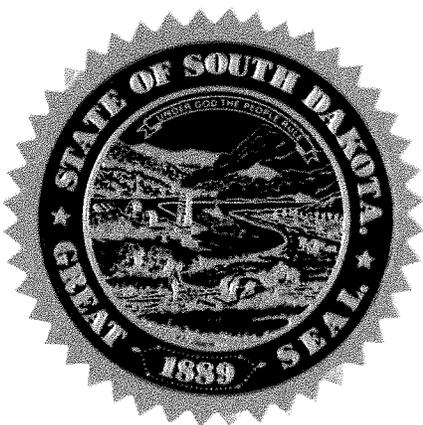
Whereas, Our communities gather to remember the enactment of this landmark legislation which gives added meaning to the word "freedom" for individuals with disabilities; and,

Whereas, On the 23rd Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we celebrate the contributions Americans with disabilities have made to our state and to rededicate ourselves to empowering every individual with equal access and equal opportunity:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2013, as

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT 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 Tenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State