

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, throughout the history of America, prayers have been lifted up, seeking the Lord in every generation for direction, protection, and provision so that God would be glorified; and,

Whereas, from the pilgrims' prayerful covenant with God in the Mayflower Compact, to the first prayer of our Continental Congress in 1774, and throughout hearts and homes across America, God is honored, revered, and given thanks; and,

Whereas, America has been filled with His glory, grace, and goodness as He has answered our prayers, uniting 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,

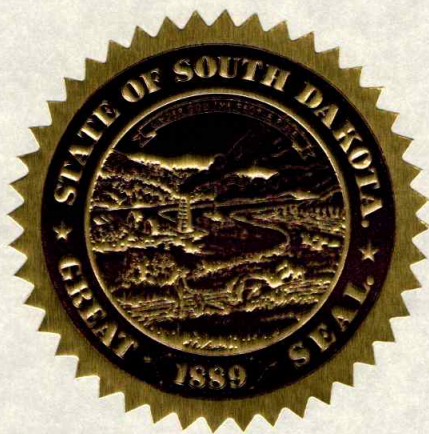
Whereas, in our state and across America, the observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026, with the theme, "Glorify God Among the Nations, Seeking Him in All Generations," based on the verse in 1 Chronicles 16:24, "Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.":

Now, Therefore, I, Larry Rhoden, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2026, as

Day of Prayer

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 Thirteenth Day of April 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