

*Executive Proclamation*  
*State of South Dakota*  
*Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people; and,

*Whereas*, the most effective way to increase this awareness is through everyone's active participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contribution; and,

*Whereas*, opportunities for citizens with developmental disabilities to function as independently and productively as possible must be fostered in our community; and,

*Whereas*, individuals with developmental disabilities deserve full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities; and,

*Whereas*, we encourage all citizens to support opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities in our community; and,

*Whereas*, individuals with developmental disabilities deserve nothing less:

*Now, Therefore, I, Kristi Noem*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 2022, as

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
AWARENESS MONTH**

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-eighth day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

  
Kristi Noem, Governor

Attest:

  
Steven J. Barnett, Secretary of State