Whereas, The State of South Dakota has been impacted by severe storms, straight-line winds, tornado, hail and flooding; and,

Whereas, These severe storms, straight-line winds, tornado, hail, and flooding caused damage to the power and public building infrastructure and caused unexpected costs for debris removal; and,

Whereas, These severe storms, straight-line winds, tornado, hail, and flooding interrupted the normal flow of emergency, mail, and commerce traffic; and,

Whereas, Substantial local government resources have been committed to help alleviate the effects of these severe storms, straight-line winds, tornado, hail, and flooding; and,

Whereas, Federal, State, and local officials have assessed the damage to public infrastructure and have verified the damage reported by local governments:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kristi Noem, Governor of the State of South Dakota, under provisions of SDCL 34-48A, otherwise known as the Emergency Management law, do hereby declare a disaster to exist in the counties of Butte, Haakon, Jackson, Jones, McPherson, and Spink for three months from the date of this Executive Order unless further extended by a subsequent Executive Order.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED, Federal Resources are needed to help alleviate the impacts of these severe storms, straight-line winds, tornado, hail, and flooding for State and local governments.

Dated in Pierre, South Dakota, this 14 day of July, 2022.

Kristi Noem
Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:

Steve Barnett
Secretary of State