



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

KRISTI NOEM | GOVERNOR

January 25, 2025

Dear Lieutenant Governor Larry Rhoden,

In the last six years, I have had the privilege to serve as Governor of South Dakota. It is with a humble heart that President Donald J. Trump has appointed me, and that the United States Senate has confirmed my appointment, to serve our Nation and our President as Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security. Today, I resign to you the position of Governor of South Dakota.

Through my tenure, South Dakotans enjoyed a greater level of Freedom than anywhere else. Our State is safer, stronger, and Freer for our kids and our grandkids. My role as Governor was to serve the People, to honor our Constitution, to keep government limited, and to protect the American ideals of Freedom and Opportunity.

As you assume the role of Governor, please remember our state motto: "Under God, the People Rule." I chose you because I knew that you would approach the role the same way that I did.

Being Governor has been the great honor of my life. Thank you to the people of South Dakota for trusting in me to be your chief executive.

God bless South Dakota,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristi Noem".

Kristi Noem