STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-11

Whereas, An outbreak of the severe acute respiratory disease, COVID-19, which is caused by the person-to-person spread of the novel coronavirus, has been declared by the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention a public health emergency and pandemic; and,

Whereas, On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared that the COVID-19 outbreak constitutes a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020; and,

Whereas, A state of emergency has been declared to exist in all counties of the State of South Dakota by Governor Kristi Noem pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04 on March 13, 2020, and the emergency continues to exist as COVID-19 severely impacts and interrupts nearly every aspect of daily lives of all South Dakotans; and,

Whereas, Substantial state, tribal, and local government resources have been committed to help aid and alleviate the effects of COVID-19; and,

Whereas, State, tribal, and local officials and citizens have suffered great economic losses or hardships as a result of the massive impact and interruption of global commerce:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kristi Noem, Governor of the State of South Dakota, under the provisions of SDCL 34-48A, otherwise known as the Emergency Management law, do hereby declare a disaster to exist in all sixty-six counties and nine tribal reservations of South Dakota for three months from the date the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services declares the public health emergency to end in the United States.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED, Federal resources are needed to help aid and alleviate the impacts of this pandemic on the State of South Dakota.

Dated in Pierre, South Dakota this 2nd day of April, 2020.

Kristi Noem

Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:

Steve Barnett

Secretary of State

