

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, the catastrophic injury or death of a parent or guardian can have a devastating emotional and financial impact on a family unit; and,

Whereas, when the injury or death results from a work-related accident, workers' compensation benefits may be insufficient to allow the children of the worker to pursue their educational dreams; and,

Whereas, the vision of Kids' Chance of America is to provide all children affected by a parent's work-related injury or death the ability to pursue their educational dreams without financial burden; and,

Whereas, the Kids' Chance organization is active in all 50 states across the country; and,

Whereas, the families and students in South Dakota are fortunate to have Kids' Chance of South Dakota, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization to provide financial scholarships to children affected by a parent's workplace injury; and,

Whereas, October 12-16, 2026, has been designated Kids' Chance Week to increase awareness of the organization and to spread the word about the scholarship opportunities:

Now, Therefore, I, Larry Rhoden, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 12, 2026, as

Kids' Chance Week

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 Ninth Day of October 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