

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, more than nine million Americans suffer with gout, the most common form of inflammatory arthritis, caused by uric acid build-up in the joints; and,

Whereas, gout is a chronic disease characterized by sudden and excruciating painful attacks; and,

Whereas, gout impacts a patient's workplace, community, and daily quality of life; and,

Whereas, black Americans are two to three times more likely to develop gout than white Americans, and are less likely to be prescribed urate-lowering medications or receive ongoing, routine provider care; and,

Whereas, Asian Americans and Asian Pacific Islanders are also at an increased risk of gout; and,

Whereas, stigma, lack of awareness, and misinformation may hinder treatment for gout; and,

Whereas, heightening public awareness can reduce the unfair stigma people with gout experience, and empower patients to seek quality care and timely treatment:

Now, Therefore, I, Kristi Noem, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 22, 2023, as

GOUT AWARENESS DAY


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-fourth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.


Kristi Noem, Governor

Attest:


Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State