

**EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**WHEREAS**, engineers use their scientific skills and specialized knowledge and skills in creative and innovative ways to fulfill society's needs; and

**WHEREAS**, engineers help solve major technological challenges of our time - from designing efficient building systems to rebuilding towns devastated by natural disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, engineering has been called the invisible or stealth profession because everything around us and things we use every day have been engineered in some way, yet we may not see the engineers behind the scenes or know much about engineering; and

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1951, National Engineers Week or "E Week" is dedicated to ensuring a diverse and well-educated future engineering workforce by increasing understanding of, and interest in, engineering and technology careers; and

**WHEREAS**, E Week is a formal coalition of more than 70 engineering, education, and cultural societies, with more than 50 corporations and government agencies dedicated to raising public awareness of engineers' positive contributions to quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, E Week promotes recognition among parents, teachers, and students of the importance of a technical education and a high level of math, science, and technology literacy, and motivates youth to pursue engineering careers in order to provide a diverse and vigorous engineering workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, ASHRAE sets standards for the heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration industry, in addition to certifying and educating people in the industry all across the country; and the South Dakota Chapter of ASHRAE would like to acknowledge engineers across South Dakota in honor of National Engineers Week, observed February 16 - 22, 2020.

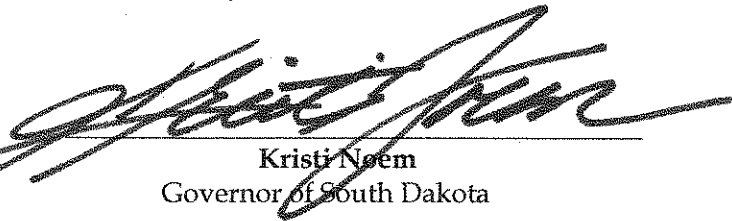
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, KRISTI NOEM**, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 16 - 22, 2020, as

**NATIONAL ENGINEERS 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 Eleventh Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.



  
Kristi Noem  
Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:

  
Steven J. Barnett  
Secretary of State