

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Native wildlife populations are an integral part of South Dakota's natural environment, and serve as an indicator for the overall health of South Dakota's statewide ecosystems; and,

*Whereas*, Each year in the United States, more than 200 people are killed in wildlife-vehicle collisions, 26,000 people are injured, and more than 1.5 million animals are hit on the roads; and,

*Whereas*, The average cost of property damage from these collisions is over \$1 billion, and the total cost to society annually is \$8.4 billion; and,

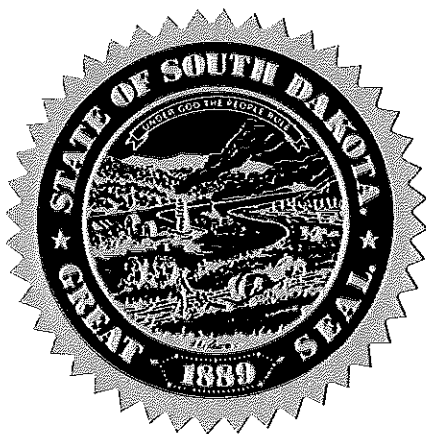
*Whereas*, The success of wildlife movement and survival in South Dakota remains dependent upon continued public education and increased understanding of the essential role migration corridors play in wildlife movement; and,

*Whereas*, Wildlife watching is one of the most popular outdoor recreational activities for tourists in South Dakota:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 18-24, 2011, as

### *"WATCH OUT FOR WILDLIFE" 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 Sixth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Judy A. Larson* Exec. Asst.  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State