

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

**WHEREAS**, the first National Eye Donor Month was observed in March 1983 as the result of a proclamation read by President Ronald Reagan; and

**WHEREAS**, every year thereafter, a member of Congress has continued the tradition and reads a proclamation into the Congressional Record each November; and

**WHEREAS**, Dakota Lions Sight & Health, the only donation organization based in the Dakotas, provided 1,120 corneas to recipients in our area last year, restoring their sight and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, there were 884 individuals that made the selfless gift to donate their corneas; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007 it was proposed, and the South Dakota Legislature passed Senate Bill 197, the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act, to promote donation; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of South Dakota recognizes the importance of continuing to raise awareness of the need to donate, to recognize donors and their families, and to celebrate recipients.

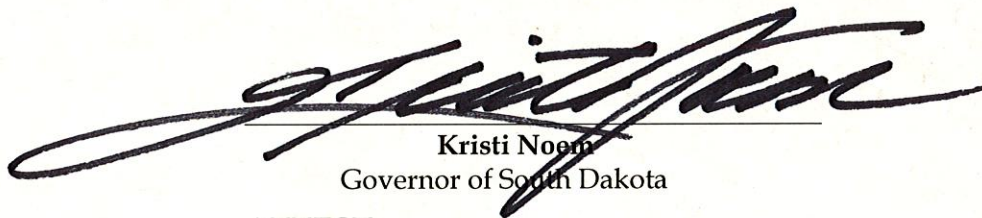
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, KRISTI NOEM**, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 2020, as

**EYE DONATION MONTH**

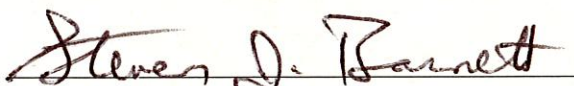
in South Dakota.

**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-first Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.



  
Kristi Noem  
Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:

  
Steven J. Barnett  
Secretary of State