

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1007

Introduced by: Representatives Van Norman, Boomgarden, Bradford, Brunner, Davis, DeVries, Elliott, Engels, Faehn, Feinstein, Glenski, Gosch, Heineman, Hunt, Jerke, Juhnke, Krebs, Lucas, Miles, Moore, Nelson, Noem, Novstrup (David), Nygaard, Olson (Ryan), Pederson (Gordon), Pitts, Rounds, Sigdestad, Street, Thompson, Van Etten, Vehle, Wick, and Willadsen and Senator Two Bulls

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Expressing appreciation to the groups and agencies associated with the observance of Native American Day at the Capitol.

WHEREAS, the eighth annual observance of Native American Day at the Capitol was held in the Capitol rotunda in Pierre on January 23, 2008. Each year Native American Day at the Capitol is celebrated to honor the commitment to improve relations between lawmakers and state officials and the state's nine reservations; and

WHEREAS, Native American Day at the Capitol includes participation by numerous tribal groups and organizations, along with cultural presentations and ceremonies. Native American Day ceremonies feature honor guards, color guards, performances by drum groups, and other presentations, along with information booths provided by various groups and organizations to provide the opportunity for increased interaction between the tribes, state government, and the public; and

WHEREAS, Native American Day at the Capitol would not be possible without the cooperation of many groups and organizations in and out of state government, including the Governor's Office, the Office of Tribal Government Relations, the Unified Judicial System, the Bureau of Administration, the Office of Buildings and Grounds, and other agencies in the Capitol, as well as the efforts of the numerous Native American individuals and organizations that organize and coordinate this special day:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature expresses its thanks and appreciation to all groups and agencies



who made the eighth annual observance of Native American Day at the Capitol possible, and the Legislature urges the continuation of this tradition in future years.