

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, South Dakota's natural resources are critical to the state's well-being, including agriculture, recreation, tourism, and overall quality of life for its citizens; and,

*Whereas*, Cooperation between private landowners, government agencies, environmental and agricultural organizations, and industry is important for effective natural resources enhancement; and,

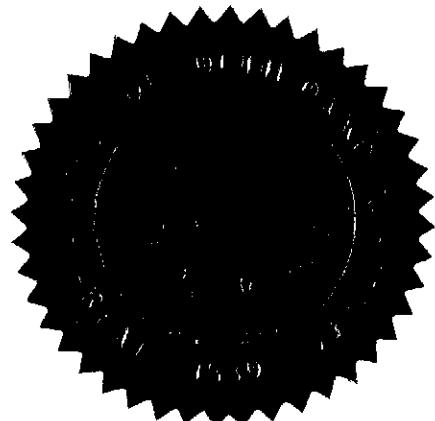
*Whereas*, South Dakota recognizes the critical role agricultural producers play in the health of the state's air, land, water, and wildlife; and,

*Whereas*, A commitment to the health of South Dakota's natural resources is exemplified by the Kopriva family as the recipient of the 2012 Leopold Conservation Award, presented annually by the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association, the South Dakota Grassland Coalition, and Sand County Foundation:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 20, 2012, as

## ***LEOPOLD CONSERVATION AWARD 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 Fourteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

A handwritten signature of Dennis Daugaard.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature of Jason M. Gant.

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State