

**State of South Dakota  
Office of the Governor  
Executive Order 2015-08**

WHEREAS, The state has been impacted by diverse severe storms beginning on May 9, 2015, with heavy snowfall in western South Dakota and a severe weather outbreak in eastern South Dakota beginning May 10, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, Heavy snowfall in western South Dakota created hazardous travel conditions for motorists while numerous tornadoes in eastern South Dakota posed significant threat to communities in the path of them; and,

WHEREAS, A tornado caused widespread damage to utility, home, and business infrastructure in Douglas County; and,

WHEREAS, Emergency shelters are needed to house citizens that may be displaced by the devastation of the tornado; and,

WHEREAS, Debris cleanup assistance may be needed to assist from tornado damage:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, under provisions of SDCL 34-48A, otherwise known as the Emergency Management law, do hereby declare a state of emergency to exist in the state of South Dakota.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED, resources available within state government will be utilized under coordination of the Department of Public Safety, Office of Emergency Management, in support of local government efforts in the protection of lives and property in the affected counties.

Dated in Pierre, South Dakota, this Tenth day of May, 2015.

*Dennis Daugaard*

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Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Shantel Krebs*

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Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State

