

*Executive Proclamation*  
*State of South Dakota*  
*Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Native American women in the military have given the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives while serving their country; and,

*Whereas*, The history of Native American women in the military is not exact. During World War I, there were approximately 14 Native American women who served with the Army Nurse Corps. During World War II, nearly 800 Native American women served in the Women's Army Corps; and,

*Whereas*, An estimated 270 to 540 Native American women from the nine federally recognized tribes in South Dakota have served in each branch of the United States military since World War I; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota is encouraged to recognize the generations of Native American women veterans who have served proudly and courageously for this great state and nation and who have played a vital role in defending our country and maintaining freedom; and,

*Whereas*, In 2014, the Lakota Women Warriors color guard made their debut at the Black Hills Powwow. The Lakota Women Warriors represent all Native American Women Warriors in the state of South Dakota:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 20, 2015, as

**LAKOTA WOMEN WARRIORS – NATIVE AMERICAN  
MILITARY COLOR GUARD 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 Ninth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.



*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Shantel Krebs*  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State