



2021 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Resolution of Disapproval 901

Introduced by: **Senator** Heinert

1 **A RESOLUTION OF DISAPPROVAL, Proposing to disapprove Executive Order 2021-**
2 **03 as set forth on pages 52 to 64, inclusive, of the Senate Journal.**

3 WHEREAS, the Governor of the state of South Dakota has submitted to the Ninety-Sixth
4 Legislature on the fifth day thereof Executive Order 2021-03; and

5 WHEREAS, Executive Order 2021-03 proposes to abolish the Department of Agriculture
6 and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and to create a new Department
7 of Agriculture and Natural Resources; and

8 WHEREAS, agriculture is South Dakota's number one industry and economic driver and
9 deserves a state department whose resources and expertise are devoted to the promotion of
10 the agriculture industry; and

11 WHEREAS, forty-eight states, including South Dakota, have recognized the necessity of
12 having a stand-alone Department of Agriculture; and

13 WHEREAS, the current missions of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of
14 Environment and Natural Resources as independent departments serve as a valuable check
15 and balance on the other department; and

16 WHEREAS, a combination of the two departments will diminish the focus of services to the
17 the agricultural producers in the state:

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Sixth Legislature of the
19 State of South Dakota, that Executive Order 2021-03 presented to the Ninety-Sixth
20 Legislature as the same appears in the Senate Journal on pages 52 to 64, inclusive, is hereby
21 disapproved pursuant to S.D. Const., Art. IV, § 8.