



2022 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Commemoration 801

Introduced by: **Senator Nesiba** and **Representatives Healy, Keintz, and Jamie Smith**

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Celebrating the LGBTQ+ and Two Spirit**
 2 **community in South Dakota.**

3 WHEREAS, in South Dakota, approximately 25,000 adults, or 3.5 percent of the
 4 population, identify as LGBTQ+ and Two Spirit. Numerous official Pride Festivals are held
 5 annually that shed light on this community's resilience, ranging from parades and fairs to
 6 daily events and educational courses for area businesses and organizations; and

7 WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ and Two Spirit community proudly shows its strength every day
 8 by living in truth and combatting uncertainty. The South Dakota Legislature celebrates the
 9 many accomplishments and milestones of the state's LGBTQ+ and Two Spirit community while
 10 acknowledging the remaining work to be done in the pursuit of true equality for all; and

11 WHEREAS, the South Dakota Legislature commends leadership from organizations
 12 working statewide to educate and create positive change for their fellow South Dakotans. The
 13 growth of these local organizations should serve as a beacon of hope for communities
 14 nationwide:

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Seventh Legislature of the
 16 State of South Dakota, that the Legislature recognizes the LGBTQ+ and Two Spirit community
 17 for its collective efforts to secure true equality for all.