



2022 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8015

Introduced by: **Representative** Pourier

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring the work of Ethleen Iron Cloud Two**
2 **Dogs.**

3 WHEREAS, Ethleen Iron Cloud Two Dogs is an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, after pursuing higher education, Ethleen Iron Cloud Two Dogs began to focus
6 on the mental health needs of indigenous youth, and in collaboration with tribal and
7 community leaders, developed and implemented healing opportunities for those who were
8 suffering as a result of unresolved trauma and other emotional issues; and

9 WHEREAS, Ethleen Iron Cloud Two Dogs long ago recognized that in order to address the
10 mental health needs of indigenous youth, it would be necessary to return to traditional healing
11 techniques that respect native traditions and promote mental health in a holistic way; and

12 WHEREAS, Ethleen Iron Cloud Two Dogs has, over the years, selflessly shared her
13 incorporation of spiritual teaching as a way to overcome historical trauma and shame with
14 audiences, including the United States Congress:

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Seventh Legislature of the
16 State of South Dakota, that the work of Ethleen Iron Cloud Two Dogs is of the utmost
17 importance in confronting the generational impact of unresolved trauma among indigenous
18 youth and in addressing mental health issues in ways that recognize and promote the cultural
19 perspective on indigenous healing.