



2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8026

Introduced by: **Representative** Pourier

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION recognizing the nonprofit Oaye Luta Okolakiciye**
2 **"Moving Forward in a Sacred Way."**

3 WHEREAS, Oaye Luta Okolakiciye is a non-profit organization dedicated to healing and
4 strengthening the communities of Lakota people by collaborating with tribal programs, state
5 agencies, and others to deliver trauma-informed care based in Lakota spirituality, language,
6 and kinship systems to support families and behavioral health on the reservations and
7 surrounding communities in this state; and

8 WHEREAS, Oaye Luta Okolakiciye's volunteer-driven model delivers selfless service, elder
9 guidance, and commitment to walking alongside those in need with humility, compassion,
10 and belief in the power of sacred recovery; and

11 WHEREAS, the success of Oaye Luta Okolakiciye demonstrates, through its emphasis on
12 peer support, prevention, and long-term healing over short-term fixes, the strength and
13 resilience of Lakota leadership and the positive impact that culturally appropriate non-profit
14 work can have on individual lives, tribal nations, and the state of South Dakota;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the One Hundred First Legislature of the
16 State of South Dakota, that the state recognizes the transformative contributions of Oaye
17 Luta Okolakiciye, "Moving Forward in a Sacred Way" to Lakota wellness, family stability, and
18 cultural continuity, and commends the organization's faithful service to the people of South
19 Dakota.