

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 29

Introduced by: Senators Frerichs, Heinert, Kennedy, Killer, Maher, Nesiba, Novstrup, Sutton, Tapio, and Wiik and Representatives McCleerey, Bartling, Bordeaux, Hawley, Johnson, Lesmeister, Marty, Schaefer, and Wismer

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Celebrating and honoring the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Sioux Tribe's annual wacipi celebration on the occasion of its 150th anniversary on June 30, July 1, and July 2, 2017.

WHEREAS, the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux people have enriched the culture of South Dakota with their exceptional and traditional achievements in music, art, and the preservation of history, and are known for their love of agriculture, tradition, and language, which they strive to preserve for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate tribe procures celebration leaders and host drums from all different parts of the country and looks to continue that with this year's celebration; and

WHEREAS, the wacipi offers a variety of exhibits, attractions, events, and entertainment. Events at past celebrations have included singing contests, moccasin tournaments, rodeos, and dancing contests, as well as many others that are inclusive to individuals of all ages:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the annual wacipi of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Sioux Tribe is celebrating its 150th occasion and will continue to enrich South Dakota with its culture.

