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November designated as “Hire Veterans First” month

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Mike Rounds and Secretary of Labor Pam Roberts announce November as “Hire Veterans First” month.

“I encourage businesses, labor leaders, public officials, and civic and fraternal organizations across South Dakota to hire a veteran when they have a job opening,” said Gov. Rounds.

Gov. Rounds signed a proclamation again this year, asking South Dakotans to remember the contributions veterans have made to the state and country. South Dakota leads the way in the veterans’ awareness campaign. Nearly 40 other states joined in the efforts after the 2005 proclamation announcement.

The South Dakota Department of Labor (SDDOL) and the U.S. Department of Labor/Veterans’ Employment Training Service continue to educate South Dakota businesses of the unmatched employment resource veterans provide. “Veterans possess bountiful skills and leadership talents, as well as entrepreneurial energy. They are ready to meet the challenges of the 21st century,” said Roberts.

Veterans’ representatives from the SDDOL are located in each South Dakota Career Center throughout the state. They assist veterans in making the transition into the civilian workforce. To view an office directory and to learn more about programs and services available, visit www.sdjobs.org.