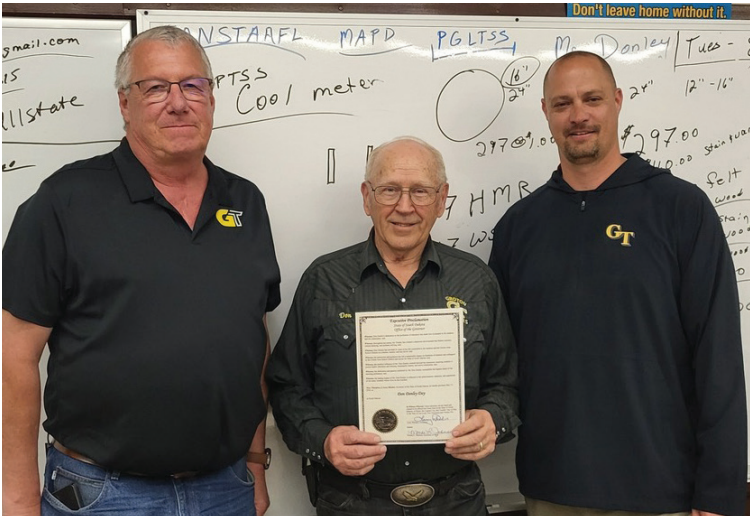


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Don Donley (center) is pictured with school board member Marty Weismantel on the left and Groton Area Superintendent Joe Schwan on the right. (Photo from Groton Area Facebook Page)

DON DONLEY DAY MAY 15, 2026

Groton Area School District
May 15, 2026
The end of the 2025-2026 school year marks the end of an incredible tenure from Mr. Don Donley. After 55 years of service to the Groton Area School District, Mr. Donley is retiring.
The impact Mr. Donley has left on all of us - colleagues, students, and friends, has made us all better.
Today, in recognition of an outstanding individual, Governor Larry Rhoden declared May 15, 2026 as Don Donley Day in South Dakota.
The Executive Proclamation reads:

Whereas, Don Donley's dedication to the profession of education has made him invaluable to his students and his community; and,
Whereas, throughout his career, Mr. Donley has created a classroom environment that fosters curiosity, critical thinking, and problem solving; and,
Whereas, Don Donley has devoted 55 years of his life committed to his students and the Groton Area School District as a teacher, mentor, and bus driver; and,
Whereas, his instruction and guidance has left a remarkable impact on hundreds of students and colleagues in the Groton Area School District and across the state of South Dakota; and,
Whereas, the positive influence of Mr. Don Donley extends beyond the classroom, inspiring students to pursue higher education and training, meaningful careers, and active citizenship; and,
Whereas, the dedication and passion exhibited by Mr. Don Donley exemplifies the highest ideals of the teaching profession; and,
Whereas, the lasting impact of Mr. Don Donley is reflected in the achievements, character, and aspirations of the many students whose lives he has touched;
Now, Therefore, I, Larry Rhoden, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2026 as

**Don Donley Day
in South Dakota.**

City Council approves two four-way intersections

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Groton Area breaks NEC and School Track Records



Jayden Schwan

Groton Area senior Jayden Schwan turned in a record-breaking performance at the Northeast Conference Track Meet, setting a new Groton High School record in the boys' 3200-meter run with a winning time of 10:04.87. Schwan narrowly surpassed the previous school record of 10:04.90, which had stood for 51 years after being set by Rick Kammerer in 1975.
Schwan also claimed another conference title in the 1600-meter run, winning the event in 4:35.89. The standout day highlighted the senior's dedication and hard work throughout his high school career as he added his name to the Groton track and field record books.



McKenna Tietz

McKenna Tietz turned in a historic performance for Groton Area at the Northeast Conference Track Meet in Milbank, capturing four conference championships while helping rewrite both the school and conference record books.
Tietz claimed individual conference titles in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.66 and the 300-meter hurdles in 45.78. Her winning time in the 300 hurdles broke her own Groton High School record of 46.18 and also established a new Northeast Conference record, surpassing the previous mark of 46.54 set by Taylor Thue of Milbank in 2016.
Tietz also helped lead the Tigers to a conference-record performance in the girls' 4x200-meter relay. Teaming with Taryn Traphagen, Rylee Dunker and Makenna Krause, the quartet won the event in 1:47.29, breaking the previous NEC record of 1:49.09 set by Redfield-Doland in 2010.
She capped off the day by running on Groton Area's first-place 4x400-meter relay team alongside Taryn Traphagen, Makenna Krause and Grayson Warrington. The Tigers posted a winning time of 4:11.14.



The relay team of Makenna Krause, Rylee Dunker, Taryn Traphagen and McKenna Tietz etched their names into the record books at the Northeast Conference Meet, setting a new conference record in the girls' 4x200-meter relay with a winning time of 1:47.29. The previous NEC record of 1:49.09 had stood since 2010 and was set by Redfield-Doland's Albrecht, Clement, Jankord and Suchor.

Groton Area Softball JV Explodes for 20 Runs; Varsity Shows Improvement Against State Runner-Up Deuel

The Groton Area softball teams split action Tuesday at Clear Lake, as the junior varsity Tigers rolled to a 20-11 victory while the varsity squad dropped a 10-0 decision to the Deuel Cardinals.

Despite the varsity loss, Groton Area coach Amanda Bisbee was pleased with the progress her team showed against one of the state’s top Class B programs.

“We did. This was a really good game defensively for our varsity team,” Bisbee said. “Compared to when we played them at NECs, we came so much farther. We were stopping the ball and making plays.”

Bisbee noted the Tigers approached the game determined to play loose and aggressive in one of their final contests of the season.

“We came into today’s game saying these are our last two games of the year, so let’s go out, be aggressive, have fun and try some new things,” she said. “What have we got to lose?”

In the junior varsity game, Groton Area erupted for 20 runs on 11 hits while leaving three runners on base. Deuel finished with 11 runs on six hits and stranded three runners.

Kaedy Bonn delivered a historic moment for the Tigers, blasting Groton Area’s first-ever junior varsity home run. Bonn connected on a three-run homer in the second inning and finished a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate with a home run, two singles and four RBI.

Bisbee said the milestone home run was an exciting moment for the program.

“Kaedy Bonn hit the first Groton home run over the fence,” Bisbee said. “JV came out and crushed it. They were running the bases and hitting the ball well. Nice first one.”

Arianna Dinger also had a huge offensive performance, going 3-for-3 with three singles and three RBI. McKenna Krause added a double, a single and one RBI.

Emily Jones drove in a run, Jayden Penning added a single and an RBI, and Abby Fjeldheim contributed a single and two RBI in the win.

Deuel also had some offensive fireworks in the junior varsity contest, as Laney Toben blasted a grand slam home run for the Cardinals.

Aubrey Lammers added a solo home run and an RBI single for Deuel.

In the varsity contest, Deuel used a six-run second inning to take control on the way to a 10-0 victory over the Tigers.

The Cardinals broke the game open in the second inning as Toben singled home a run, Elle Holden and Kennedy Harmon each drew bases-loaded walks, Rylynn Streich delivered a two-run single, and Tory Engebretson added an RBI groundout.

Deuel added three more runs in the third inning on RBI hits from Gracyn Gohring, Toben and Holden before Engebretson connected on a solo home run in the fourth inning.

Kinsley Rowen started in the pitching circle for Groton Area, allowing 10 runs, nine earned, on seven hits over four innings while walking six.

Rylie Rose accounted for Groton Area’s lone hit, finishing 1-for-1 at the plate.

Aubrey Lanners earned the win for Deuel, tossing a one-hit shutout over five innings while striking out 14 and walking two.

Toben led the Cardinals offensively with two hits, while Harmon stole two bases as Deuel totaled four stolen bases in the game.

Bisbee said the Tigers competed well against one of the fastest pitchers they have faced this season and against a Deuel team that entered the night as the No. 2 seed after winning the state championship a year ago.

“That’s the fastest pitcher we’ve seen all year, so we played very well against them,” Bisbee said. “I’m proud of them. That was a really good game tonight.”

Groton Area was scheduled to close out its inaugural softball season Wednesday at Redfield.

“Last I checked tonight, we were 21st out of 30, so still not bad for our first year,” Bisbee said. “We were close.”

The games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by the Groton Chamber of Commerce.



Another night for the history books, as Freshman Kaedy Bonn crushed the FIRST ever out-of-the-park home run for Groton Area Softball during the JV game against Deuel with two runners on base! (Photo courtesy Amanda Bisbee)

Thorson changes profession in Alaska

by Dorene Nelson

Scott Thorson, long time Groton high school teacher and athletic coach, decided to change his occupation to something quite different from his previous years. He is currently hauling crude oil and sea water in Alaska!

“I started my career to become an educator and athletic coach,” Thorson explained. “The main attraction for me was to be able to coach various athletic teams.”

“I attended the University of South Dakota in Vermillion and Dakota Wesleyan in Mitchell, receiving my Bachelor’s degree plus twenty-five hours,” he stated.

“After receiving my teaching degree, I taught in various places, including Conde, Waubay, and Groton,” Thorson listed. “I coached football and wrestling as well as teaching various social studies classes and elementary physical education.”

“I’ve been an educator for thirty-four years and even a reporter for KELOland for five years,” he added. “In addition to coaching football, I was a track coach and helped get Groton’s baseball program started in the high school.”



Scott Thorson

“I found that keeping up with new technology to be the most difficult part of being a high school teacher,” Thorson admitted. “Working with the students and learning from others on staff are the most rewarding aspects of being an educator.”

“My wife Ann is a pharmacist at Avera St. Luke’s in Aberdeen,” he stated. “We have three sons and one daughter who have gifted us with nine grandchildren!”

“I really enjoyed my years in education but decided it was time for a change!” Thorson smiled. “In order to do my new current job, I needed to get a CDL and hazardous material endorsement! That was quite challenging, but I’m currently in Alaska, on a new job and enjoying new experiences!”

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Tigers Sweep Miller in JV, Varsity Baseball Action

The Groton Area Tigers picked up a pair of baseball victories over the Miller Outlaws on Wednesday at Locke-Karst Field in Groton, with the junior varsity squad cruising to a 7-1 victory before the varsity team earned a dramatic 4-3 walk-off win.

In the JV contest, Groton Area jumped out quickly with two runs in the opening inning after a wild pitch plated both runs. The Tigers added another run in the second inning after a Miller error and pushed their lead to 4-0 in the third when Sam Crank delivered an RBI single to left field.

Groton continued to build its advantage throughout the game while limiting the Outlaws offensively. Tucker Leicht earned the win on the mound, allowing just two hits and one run over three innings while striking out six and walking one. Asher Zimmerman was dominant in relief, tossing two scoreless innings with three strikeouts and no hits allowed.

John Bisbee paced the Tigers offensively with three RBIs, while Kolton Antonsen, Bisbee, Lincoln Shilhanek, and Crank each collected hits. Groton showed patience at the plate with seven walks and aggressive base running with five stolen bases, including two from Wesley Borg.

Defensively, the Tigers played a clean game without committing an error. Bisbee led the defense with nine chances in the field.

In the varsity matchup, Groton Area needed late-game heroics to edge the Outlaws 4-3.

The Tigers struck first in the bottom of the opening inning when Jordan Schwan singled to score a run. Miller answered in the second inning with Groton committing an error that allowed the Outlaws to tie the game at 1-1.

Miller grabbed a 3-1 lead in the third inning behind RBI doubles from Eddie Fritzsche and Tate Bray.

Groton chipped away and tied the game in the fifth inning when Lincoln Krause lined a single down the right field line to bring home a pair of runs.

The game remained tied entering the bottom of the seventh inning before Schwan delivered the game-winning hit, singling to score the winning run and give the Tigers the walk-off victory.

Case Reints earned the win in relief for Groton Area, allowing just one hit over four and one-third shutout innings while striking out six. Kason Oswald started for the Tigers and struck out five over two and two-thirds innings.

Groton finished with nine hits in the game. Krause, Karsten Fliehs, and Schwan each had two hits, while Krause and Schwan both drove in two runs. Krause also stole two bases as the Tigers swiped four bases overall.

Miller was led offensively by Chase Hurd, who went 2-for-4 at the plate, while Bray and Fritzsche each drove in a run for the Outlaws.

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7 Skip — (fluter)

8 Tax-collecting org.
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10 Duel tool

11 Ocular woe

12 Tiara jewel

18 Rug cleaner

21 — -friendly

23 "Awesome, dude!"

24 Navarro of "The View"

25 Scale members

26 Pink wading bird

28 Relaxed

30 Roman 1051

31 Coltrane's instrument
- 33 Aromatherapy spot

34 Sgt., e.g.

39 Lauder of cosmetics

41 Paris subway

42 Cruising

43 Lettuce unit

45 Reply to "Shall we?"

47 Spring melt-down

48 Mild rebukes

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The first two days of the NFL Draft are where teams usually get their starters (or, at the very least, key rotation pieces). The third day is where teams look for depth pieces and occasionally find diamonds in the rough. Today we look at the four players the Vikings drafted on day three, plus the undrafted rookies signed once the draft concluded.

Max Bredeson, fullback, Michigan. 5th round, 159th overall

With the retirement of C.J. Ham, the Vikings had a need at fullback. Bredeson played with Vikings QB J.J. McCarthy in college, who was at Bredeson’s draft party. Blocking is his calling card, but it remains to be seen how well he can catch out of the backfield because of his limited opportunity to do so in college.

Charles Demmings, cornerback, Stephen F. Austin State, 5th round, 163rd overall

The first cornerback taken by the Vikings, Demmings is a press-man corner with the speed to stick with receivers. Making the jump from Stephen F. Austin State to the NFL will require time and patience, but he is expected to compete for a role on special teams right away. He came in at number 151 on the consensus big board.

Demond Claiborne, running back, Wake Forest, 6th round, 198th overall

Needing a little juice in the running backs room, the Vikings took the speedy Claiborne in the sixth round. He’s a smaller back at only 188 pounds, but his speed will complement Aaron Jones and Jordan Mason well. Expect Claiborne to also be in the mix for the team’s kick return role. He came in at number 144 on the consensus big board.

Gavin Gerhardt, center, Cincinnati, 7th round, 235th overall

The Vikings must not be very concerned with the center position, because they waited until their very last pick to address it in the draft. Gerhardt, like most 7th rounders, will need time to adjust to the NFL, and it’ll be a few years before we see him on the field. He was not listed on the consensus big board.

Undrafted rookie free agent signings

Once the draft is over, teams start calling players who didn’t hear their names called. There can be some solid players found in this group, and even some Hall of Fame-level talent, such as Kurt Warner, Antonio Gates, and even the Vikings very own John Randle. Most of the play-

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“Reflecting on Progress”

It’s human nature to tell stories about the past, and doctors aren’t immune to that impulse. The second year medical students rotating through my clinic have me reflecting on my own years as a fledgling physician, and the changes I’ve seen in my decades of practice.

I remember one late evening spent in the PICU watching over a toddler who had meningitis. At one point I turned and bumped into a bedrail, which came crashing down. Both my preceptor and I jumped, and I probably even shrieked. The child, however, didn’t even blink. That’s when we knew her illness had left her profoundly deaf.

The seasoned pediatrician I was with that month had started practice before the introduction of the Hib vaccine. As we talked about what we could do now for the child in our care, he told me stories from “the old days”, when the PICU at Sioux Valley Hospital would perpetually have 2 or 3 children being treated for meningitis. Less than 10 years later, our unimmunized patient was the first case they’d had in months.

Early in my own practice, winter months would see at least a child or two here in Brookings hospitalized with rotavirus on any give day, and the occasional adult. They would be with us for a few days or even a week, getting IV fluids until the diarrhea slowed down. Our first vaccine had rare but serious side effects and was pulled off the market. The vaccine we’ve been using for nearly 20 years now has turned the illness into something that rarely lands a child in our hospital. To be sure, we still see rotavirus infections. It’s just that far fewer patients are so sick that they require IVs.

We’ve got a new weapon against another common childhood scourge. RSV has been a terror for longer than I’ve been in practice. It results in the hospitalization of nearly 2% of children before they turn 1. We now have two ways to protect infants. The first is a traditional vaccine given to expectant mothers later in their pregnancy. Mom’s immune system responds by developing antibodies, which are transferred to the infant. Since babies’ immature immune systems can’t respond to the vaccine we have for RSV, we can’t give them that vaccine. However, we have an antibody against RSV that can be given directly to newborns. We’ve had something similar for most of my career, but it was expensive and had to be given monthly, so we only used it in the highest risk children. This new version is much less costly, and requires only one shot.

These strategies don’t teach the baby’s own immune system to fight the infection. Instead, they provide temporary soldiers to wage the battle. That protection will fade, and the baby’s immune system will still have to learn to fight RSV by catching it, but we will have delayed that day until the child is older, and less likely to get terribly sick.

I am optimistic that RSV, too, will become something we still see, but that doesn’t cause the suffering it once did. And I wonder, what will my young colleagues someday tell their future students about medicine in “the old days?”

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Debra Johnston, MD



Taylor Diegel and Korbin Kucker have joined the City of Groton electric department. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Groton Graduates Return Home to Join City Electric Department

Two recent Groton Area School District graduates officially began work Monday with the City of Groton electric department, turning hometown roots and longtime interests into careers in line work.

Taylor Diegel and Korbin Kucker, both members of the Groton Area Class of 2025, recently completed training at Mitchell Technical College and are now beginning their careers serving their hometown community.

For Diegel, the interest in electrical work started at a young age. "I always wanted to do it since I was a little kid," Diegel said. "It was more my Uncle TJ — always being around in the bucket truck. That kind of piqued my interest when I was young and I kind of just fell in love with it and decided that's what I wanted to do."

Diegel attended Mitchell Tech, where he spent nine months learning the fundamentals of the trade.

"It's more just to learn the basics," he explained. "They teach you as much as they can in that time span. But they're a growing school and they're starting to do better things quicker. I think that school will be pretty big in the next couple years."

When asked why he chose to apply in Groton, Diegel's answer was simple.

"Hometown. Easy," he said. "You get to know everybody here, so it's a lot nicer."

Kucker said his interest in line work also began during his school years after completing a research project on the profession.

"It was something that I did a research project on in school when I was, I think, a freshman," Kucker said. "Just learning about it and being around it a little bit really sparked my interest. Talking with my dad, he told me to shoot for the stars. It's a great profession, and so far it's been nothing short of that."

Like Diegel, Kucker said returning home to work in a small community played a major role in his decision.

"It's hometown. It's my community," Kucker said. "I grew up in this community. Everyone knows me and I know just about everyone. Small communities are special. I'd rather be back home in a small community than off somewhere random with nobody supporting me like they used to."

The pair said they actually did not realize they had both applied for the positions until interview day.

"I don't even think we knew we both applied for it," Kucker said. "I think I found out when I was walking out for my interview and he was walking in."

Diegel said city officials informed him they planned to contact Kucker shortly after offering him the position.

Kucker received his call while working during class at Mitchell Tech.

"I was in my power grid and transformer connections class sweeping out the shop and getting ready for the lineman rodeo," Kucker said. "My phone started ringing and I got the news. I was pretty pumped and didn't sweep a single thing after that."

Diegel joked that he received his call while sitting in English class.

"It was a good way to interrupt it," he said.

Both young men now begin the next chapter of their careers helping power the community they grew up in.

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Uncollected Premiums.....\$6,551,335.00

Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income

Due and Accrued.....\$836,917.00

Other Assets.....\$292,685,793.00

TOTAL ASSETS.....\$5,329,230,513.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses.....\$1,101,525,236.00

Reserve for Loss

Adjustment Expenses.....\$267,134,315.00

Other Expenses (excluding

taxes, licenses and fees).....\$9,689,820.00

Taxes, Licenses and Fees

(excluding Federal and

Foreign Income Taxes).....\$6,534,682.00

Federal and Foreign

Income Taxes.....\$0.00

Unearned Premiums.....\$394,613,847.00

All Other Liabilities.....\$420,296,140.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES.....\$2,199,804,040.00

Special Surplus Funds.....\$0.00

Capital Paid Up or

Statutory Deposit.....\$4,000,000.00

Gross Paid In and

Contributed Surplus.....\$146,240,599.00

Unassigned Surplus.....\$2,979,185,875.00

Surplus as Regards

Policyholders.....\$3,129,426,474.00

TOTAL.....\$5,329,230,513.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025

Direct Premiums Written.....\$6,297,455.00

Direct Premiums Earned.....\$5,726,884.00

Direct Losses Paid.....\$2,346,031.00

Direct Losses Incurred.....\$3,326,912.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DIVISION OF INSURANCE | STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Berkshire Hathaway Homestate Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Nebraska, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER

Director of Insurance

20052

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

NATIONAL LIABILITY & FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:

100 FIRST STAMFORD PLACE
STAMFORD, CT 06902-6745

MAIL ADDRESS:

1314 DOUGLAS STREET
OMAHA, NE 68102

ASSETS:

Bonds.....\$41,158,632.00

Stocks.....\$1,084,936,290.00

Mortgage Loans on

Real Estate.....\$0.00

Real Estate Owned.....\$0.00

Cash and Bank Deposits.....\$5,311,759,544.00

Agents Balances or

Uncollected Premiums.....\$178,805,019.00

Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income

Due and Accrued.....\$1,345,478.00

Other Assets.....\$80,347,229.00

TOTAL ASSETS.....\$6,698,352,192.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses.....\$2,187,845,388.00

Reserve for Loss

Adjustment Expenses.....\$540,380,996.00

Other Expenses (excluding

taxes, licenses and fees).....\$8,065,035.00

Taxes, Licenses and Fees

(excluding Federal and

Foreign Income Taxes).....\$8,154,772.00

Federal and Foreign

Income Taxes.....\$15,942,617.00

Unearned Premiums.....\$612,168,232.00

All Other Liabilities.....\$328,000,187.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES.....\$3,700,557,227.00

Special Surplus Funds.....\$0.00

Capital Paid Up or

Statutory Deposit.....\$5,000,000.00

Gross Paid In and

Contributed Surplus.....\$95,822,263.00

Unassigned Surplus.....\$2,896,972,702.00

Surplus as Regards

Policyholders.....\$2,997,794,965.00

TOTAL.....\$6,698,352,192.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025

Direct Premiums Written.....\$783,294.00

Direct Premiums Earned.....\$1,019,132.00

Direct Losses Paid.....\$1,423,854.00

Direct Losses Incurred.....\$334,576.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DIVISION OF INSURANCE | STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the National Liability & Fire Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER

Director of Insurance

20055

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

NATIONAL LIABILITY & FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:

100 FIRST STAMFORD PLACE
STAMFORD, CT 06902-6745

MAIL ADDRESS:

1314 DOUGLAS STREET
OMAHA, NE 68102

ASSETS:

Bonds.....\$41,158,632.00

Stocks.....\$1,084,936,290.00

Mortgage Loans on

Real Estate.....\$0.00

Real Estate Owned.....\$0.00

Cash and Bank Deposits.....\$5,311,759,544.00

Agents Balances or

Uncollected Premiums.....\$178,805,019.00

Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income

Due and Accrued.....\$1,345,478.00

Other Assets.....\$80,347,229.00

TOTAL ASSETS.....\$6,698,352,192.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses.....\$2,187,845,388.00

Reserve for Loss

Adjustment Expenses.....\$540,380,996.00

Other Expenses (excluding

taxes, licenses and fees).....\$8,065,035.00

Taxes, Licenses and Fees

(excluding Federal and

Foreign Income Taxes).....\$8,154,772.00

Federal and Foreign

Income Taxes.....\$15,942,617.00

Unearned Premiums.....\$612,168,232.00

All Other Liabilities.....\$328,000,187.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES.....\$3,700,557,227.00

Special Surplus Funds.....\$0.00

Capital Paid Up or

Statutory Deposit.....\$5,000,000.00

Gross Paid In and

Contributed Surplus.....\$95,822,263.00

Unassigned Surplus.....\$2,896,972,702.00

Surplus as Regards

Policyholders.....\$2,997,794,965.00

TOTAL.....\$6,698,352,192.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025

Direct Premiums Written.....\$783,294.00

Direct Premiums Earned.....\$1,019,132.00

Direct Losses Paid.....\$1,423,854.00

Direct Losses Incurred.....\$334,576.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DIVISION OF INSURANCE | STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the National Liability & Fire Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER

Director of Insurance

20058

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

BRISTOL WEST INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:

6111 OAK TREE BOULEVARD, SUITE 300
INDEPENDENCE, OH 44131

MAIL ADDRESS:

1330 CONCORD TERRACE, SUITE 120
SUNRISE, FL 33323

ASSETS:

Bonds.....\$86,262,500.43

Stocks.....\$0.00

Mortgage Loans on

Real Estate.....\$0.00

Real Estate Owned.....\$0.00

Cash and Bank Deposits.....\$5,044,306.46

Agents Balances or

Uncollected Premiums.....\$148,026,716.00

Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income

Due and Accrued.....\$978,995.00

Other Assets.....\$66,118,770.00

TOTAL ASSETS.....\$306,431,288.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses.....\$584,190.40

Reserve for Loss

Adjustment Expenses.....\$0.00

Other Expenses (excluding

taxes, licenses and fees).....\$872,893.00

Taxes, Licenses and Fees

(excluding Federal and

Foreign Income Taxes).....\$4,619,104.00

Federal and Foreign

Income Taxes.....\$0.00

Unearned Premiums.....\$6,076,187.07

All Other Liabilities.....\$224,525,439.49

TOTAL LIABILITIES.....\$230,601,626.56

Special Surplus Funds.....\$0.00

Capital Paid Up or

Statutory Deposit.....\$6,000,000.00

Gross Paid In and

Contributed Surplus.....\$39,000,000.00

Unassigned Surplus.....\$30,829,661.78

Surplus as Regards

Policyholders.....\$75,829,661.78

TOTAL.....\$306,431,288.34

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025

Direct Premiums Written.....\$4,115,506.00

Direct Premiums Earned.....\$3,904,155.42

Direct Losses Paid.....\$1,464,839.00

Direct Losses Incurred.....\$1,643,026.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DIVISION OF INSURANCE | STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Bristol West Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Ohio, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 23A, 23B, 27

1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER

Director of Insurance

19658

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:

ONE HARTFORD PLAZA
HARTFORD, CT 06155

MAIL ADDRESS:

ONE HARTFORD PLAZA
HARTFORD, CT 06155

ASSETS:

Bonds.....\$8,673,489,849.00

Stocks.....\$6,437,407,750.00

Mortgage Loans on

Real Estate.....\$0.00

Real Estate Owned.....\$1,665,515,227.00

Cash and Bank Deposits.....\$271,387,534.00

Agents Balances or

Uncollected Premiums.....\$4,237,427,280.00

Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income

Due and Accrued.....\$97,081,144.00

Other Assets.....\$1,334,725,876.00

TOTAL ASSETS.....\$29,853,246,417.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses.....\$9,869,378,431.00

Reserve for Loss

Adjustment Expenses.....\$2,345,313,544.00

Other Expenses (excluding

taxes, licenses and fees).....\$134,055,417.00

Taxes, Licenses and Fees

(excluding Federal and

Foreign Income Taxes).....\$50,972,084.00

Federal and Foreign

Income Taxes.....\$0.00

Unearned Premiums.....\$3,071,716,068.00

All Other Liabilities.....\$1,072,173,854.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES.....\$16,543,609,497.00

Special Surplus Funds.....\$825,857,096.00

Capital Paid Up or

Statutory Deposit.....\$55,320,000.00

Gross Paid In and

Contributed Surplus.....\$4,745,520,340.00

Unassigned Surplus.....\$1,682,939,485.00

Surplus as Regards

Policyholders.....\$13,309,636,920.00

TOTAL.....\$29,853,246,417.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025

Direct Premiums Written.....\$12,157,389.00

Direct Premiums Earned.....\$12,161,056.00

Direct Losses Paid.....\$5,140,297.00

Direct Losses Incurred.....\$5,772,848.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DIVISION OF INSURANCE | STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 26, 27

1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER

Director of Insurance

19682

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:

ONE HARTFORD PLAZA
HARTFORD, CT 06155

MAIL ADDRESS:

ONE HARTFORD PLAZA
HARTFORD, CT 06155

ASSETS:

Bonds.....\$8,673,489,849.00

Stocks.....\$6,437,407,750.00

Mortgage Loans on

Real Estate.....\$0.00

Real Estate Owned.....\$1,665,515,227.00

Cash and Bank Deposits.....\$271,387,534.00

Agents Balances or

Uncollected Premiums.....\$4,237,427,280.00

Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income

Due and Accrued.....\$97,081,144.00

Other Assets.....\$1,334,725,876.00

TOTAL ASSETS.....\$29,853,246,417.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses.....\$9,869,378,431.00

Reserve for Loss

Adjustment Expenses.....\$2,345,313,544.00

Other Expenses (excluding

taxes, licenses and fees).....\$134,055,417.00

Taxes, Licenses and Fees

(excluding Federal and

Foreign Income Taxes).....\$50,972,084.00

Federal and Foreign

Income Taxes.....\$0.00

Unearned Premiums.....\$3,071,716,068.00

All Other Liabilities.....\$1,072,173,854.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES.....\$16,543,609,497.00

Special Surplus Funds.....\$825,857,096.00

Capital Paid Up or

Statutory Deposit.....\$55,320,000.00

Gross Paid In and

Contributed Surplus.....\$4,745,520,340.00

Unassigned Surplus.....\$1,682,939,485.00

Surplus as Regards

Policyholders.....\$13,309,636,920.00

TOTAL.....\$29,853,246,417.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025

Direct Premiums Written.....\$12,157,389.00

Direct Premiums Earned.....\$12,161,056.00

Direct Losses Paid.....\$5,140,297.00

Direct Losses Incurred.....\$5,772,848.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DIVISION OF INSURANCE | STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 26, 27

1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER

Director of Insurance

19690

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

AMERICAN ECONOMY INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:

175 BERKELEY ST
BOSTON, MA 02116

MAIL ADDRESS:

175 BERKELEY ST
BOSTON, MA 02116

ASSETS:

Bonds.....\$11,084,448.00

Stocks.....\$9,850,796.00

Mortgage Loans on

Real Estate.....\$0.00

Real Estate Owned.....\$0.00

Cash and Bank Deposits.....\$920,697.00

Agents Balances or

Uncollected Premiums.....\$20.00

Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income

Due and Accrued.....\$66,358.00

Other Assets.....\$99,372.00

TOTAL ASSETS.....\$21,822,947.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses.....\$0.00

Reserve for Loss

Adjustment Expenses.....\$20.00

Other Expenses (excluding

taxes, licenses and fees).....\$0.00

Taxes, Licenses and Fees

(excluding Federal and

Foreign Income Taxes).....\$0.00

Federal and Foreign

Income Taxes.....\$12,327.00

Unearned Premiums.....\$0.00

All Other Liabilities.....\$169,164.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES.....\$181,511.00

Special Surplus Funds.....\$0.00

Capital Paid Up or

Statutory Deposit.....\$5,000,000.00

Gross Paid In and

Contributed Surplus.....\$11,330,548.00

Unassigned Surplus.....\$5,310,888.00

Surplus as Regards

Policyholders.....\$21,641,436.00

TOTAL.....\$21,822,947.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025

Direct Premiums Written.....\$13,289,198.00

Direct Premiums Earned.....\$12,790,068.00

Direct Losses Paid.....\$2,776,738.00

Direct Losses Incurred.....\$2,575,848.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DIVISION OF INSURANCE | STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the American Economy Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Indiana, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 26, 27

1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF

19879

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

SECURITY NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:

BRANDYVINE PLAZA, 1621 CONCORD PIKE, SUITE 201
WILMINGTON, DE 19083

MAIL ADDRESS:

80 SUPERIOR AVENUE E., 21ST FLOOR
CLEVELAND, OH 44114

ASSETS:

Bonds.....	\$741,179,653.00
Stocks.....	\$77,276,361.00
Mortgage Loans on.....	
Real Estate.....	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned.....	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$5,950,433.00
Agents Balances or.....	
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$240,354,683.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income.....	
Due and Accrued.....	\$3,788,566.00
Other Assets.....	\$138,058,405.00
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$1,206,608,101.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses.....	\$524,760,210.00
Reserve for Loss.....	
Adjustment Expenses.....	\$96,939,773.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees).....	
Taxes, Licenses and Fees.....	\$329,037.00
(excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes).....	
Federal and Foreign.....	\$4,939,013.00
Income Taxes.....	\$1,647,264.00
Unearned Premiums.....	\$192,126,525.00
All Other Liabilities.....	\$70,859,038.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$891,600,860.00
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$31,954,080.00
Capital Paid Up or.....	
Statutory Deposit.....	\$4,000,000.00
Gross Paid In and.....	
Contributed Surplus.....	\$224,495,310.00
Unassigned Surplus.....	\$54,557,851.00
Surplus as Regards.....	
Policyholders.....	\$315,007,241.00
TOTAL.....	\$1,206,608,101.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025

Direct Premiums Written.....	\$745,798.92
Direct Premiums Earned.....	\$984,751.37
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$614,382.07
Direct Losses Incurred.....	\$707,704.77

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DIVISION OF INSURANCE, STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Security National Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Delaware, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 26, 27
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

In this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

20303

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

GREAT NORTHERN INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:

ONE AMERICAN SQUARE, 202 N. ILLINOIS ST., SUITE 2600
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46282

MAIL ADDRESS:

436 WALNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA, SD 19106

ASSETS:

Bonds.....	\$419,858,129.00
Stocks.....	\$0.00
Mortgage Loans on.....	
Real Estate.....	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned.....	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$31,892,271.00
Agents Balances or.....	
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$0.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income.....	
Due and Accrued.....	\$2,706,904.00
Other Assets.....	\$82,026,271.00
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$636,483,455.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses.....	\$0.00
Reserve for Loss.....	
Adjustment Expenses.....	\$0.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees).....	
Taxes, Licenses and Fees.....	\$0.00
(excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes).....	
Federal and Foreign.....	\$0.00
Income Taxes.....	\$987,029.00
Unearned Premiums.....	\$0.00
All Other Liabilities.....	\$177,040,047.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$178,027,076.00
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up or.....	
Statutory Deposit.....	\$4,166,675.00
Gross Paid In and.....	
Contributed Surplus.....	\$83,700,350.00
Unassigned Surplus.....	\$370,589,354.00
Surplus as Regards.....	
Policyholders.....	\$458,456,379.00
TOTAL.....	\$636,483,455.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025

Direct Premiums Written.....	\$3,006,079.00
Direct Premiums Earned.....	\$3,004,176.00
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$875,367.00
Direct Losses Incurred.....	\$1,128,606.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DIVISION OF INSURANCE, STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the GREAT NORTHERN INSURANCE COMPANY, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Indiana, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

20338

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

PALOMAS SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:

1050 SW 6TH AVENUE, SUITE 1100
PORTLAND, OR 97204

MAIL ADDRESS:

7799 IMAHOE AVENUE, SUITE 500
LA JOLLA, CA 92037

ASSETS:

Bonds.....	\$948,069,642.00
Stocks.....	\$156,485,301.00
Mortgage Loans on.....	
Real Estate.....	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned.....	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$70,361,908.00
Agents Balances or.....	
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$284,004,496.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income.....	
Due and Accrued.....	\$8,633,520.00
Other Assets.....	\$8,673,990.00
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$1,659,404,396.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses.....	\$194,509,438.00
Reserve for Loss.....	
Adjustment Expenses.....	\$73,400,546.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees).....	
Taxes, Licenses and Fees.....	\$38,866,202.00
(excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes).....	
Federal and Foreign.....	\$3,629,708.00
Income Taxes.....	\$0.00
Unearned Premiums.....	\$604,547,529.00
All Other Liabilities.....	\$270,363,526.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$1,082,820,839.00
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up or.....	
Statutory Deposit.....	\$5,000,000.00
Gross Paid In and.....	
Contributed Surplus.....	\$232,552,888.00
Unassigned Surplus.....	\$266,006,707.00
Surplus as Regards.....	
Policyholders.....	\$533,559,395.00
TOTAL.....	\$1,616,380,234.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025

Direct Premiums Written.....	\$4,352,128.00
Direct Premiums Earned.....	\$3,154,615.00
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$794,982.00
Direct Losses Incurred.....	\$1,327,354.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DIVISION OF INSURANCE, STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Palomas Specialty Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Oregon, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

In this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

20246

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:

2028 HALLS MILL ROAD
PORTLAND, OR 97204

MAIL ADDRESS:

7799 IMAHOE AVENUE, SUITE 500
LA JOLLA, CA 92037

ASSETS:

Bonds.....	\$12,012,597,890.00
Stocks.....	\$8,884,088.00
Mortgage Loans on.....	
Real Estate.....	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned.....	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$305,636,690.00
Agents Balances or.....	
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$564,593,026.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income.....	
Due and Accrued.....	\$107,148,611.00
Other Assets.....	\$4,415,664,596.00
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$7,414,524,901.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses.....	\$7,095,931,717.00
Reserve for Loss.....	
Adjustment Expenses.....	\$1,774,664,510.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees).....	
Taxes, Licenses and Fees.....	\$0.00
(excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes).....	
Federal and Foreign.....	\$25,917,096.00
Income Taxes.....	\$41,087,072.00
Unearned Premiums.....	\$2,715,147,723.00
All Other Liabilities.....	\$1,297,359,931.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$12,950,208,049.00
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up or.....	
Statutory Deposit.....	\$5,535,000.00
Gross Paid In and.....	
Contributed Surplus.....	\$520,079,566.00
Unassigned Surplus.....	\$3,938,762,286.00
Surplus as Regards.....	
Policyholders.....	\$4,464,316,862.00
TOTAL.....	\$7,414,524,901.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025

Direct Premiums Written.....	\$371,424.00
Direct Premiums Earned.....	\$261,995.00
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$88,903.00
Direct Losses Incurred.....	(\$121,284.00)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DIVISION OF INSURANCE, STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Pacific Indemnity Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Delaware, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

20397

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:

1133 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 41ST FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10036

MAIL ADDRESS:

436 WALNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106

ASSETS:

Bonds.....	\$308,821,445.00
Stocks.....	\$0.00
Mortgage Loans on.....	
Real Estate.....	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned.....	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$9,811,273.00
Agents Balances or.....	
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$31,137,482.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income.....	
Due and Accrued.....	\$2,039,681.00
Other Assets.....	\$74,606,356.00
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$526,416,237.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses.....	\$0.00
Reserve for Loss.....	
Adjustment Expenses.....	\$0.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees).....	
Taxes, Licenses and Fees.....	\$0.00
(excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes).....	
Federal and Foreign.....	\$0.00
Income Taxes.....	\$994,665.00
Unearned Premiums.....	\$0.00
All Other Liabilities.....	\$118,956,343.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$119,941,008.00
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up or.....	
Statutory Deposit.....	\$4,500,000.00
Gross Paid In and.....	
Contributed Surplus.....	\$25,168,845.00
Unassigned Surplus.....	\$376,806,384.00
Surplus as Regards.....	
Policyholders.....	\$406,475,229.00
TOTAL.....	\$526,416,237.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025

Direct Premiums Written.....	\$62,958.00
Direct Premiums Earned.....	\$130,422.00
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$588.00
Direct Losses Incurred.....	(\$81,376.00)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DIVISION OF INSURANCE, STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Vigilant Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of New York, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

20427

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:

THREE RADNOR CORPORATE CENTER, 100 MATSONFORD RD
RADNOR, PA 19087

MAIL ADDRESS:

151 N FRANKLIN ST
CHICAGO, IL 60606

ASSETS:

Bonds.....	\$27,147,925.00
Stocks.....	\$49,125,738.00
Mortgage Loans on.....	
Real Estate.....	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned.....	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$12,765,025.00
Agents Balances or.....	
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$0.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income.....	
Due and Accrued.....	\$325,879.00
Other Assets.....	\$29,242.00
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$89,393,809.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses.....	\$0.00
Reserve for Loss.....	
Adjustment Expenses.....	\$0.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees).....	
Taxes, Licenses and Fees.....	\$0.00
(excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes).....	
Federal and Foreign.....	\$0.00
Income Taxes.....	\$25,335

66168			FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
			YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025
MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:			
400 ROBERT STREET NORTH			
ST. PAUL, MN 55101			
MAIL ADDRESS:			
400 ROBERT STREET NORTH			
ST. PAUL, MN 55101			
ASSETS:			
Bonds	\$22,075,122,809.00		
Stocks	\$1,151,022,309.00		
Mortgage Loans on			
Real Estate	\$5,706,013,088.00		
Real Estate Owned.....	\$40,635,704.00		
Policy Loans	\$1,471,429,738.00		
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$371,896,965.00		
Deferred and			
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$166,574,268.00		
Investment Income			
Due and Accrued	\$270,192,683.00		
Other Assets	\$3,243,979,017.00		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$66,072,856,581.00		
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS			
Reserve for Life			
Policies & Contracts	\$27,353,505,380.00		
Reserve for Accident			
& Health Policies	\$141,394,635.00		
Policy and Contract Claims			
Life	\$461,621,389.00		
Accident & Health			
General Expenses	\$83,872,548.00		
Due or Accrued	\$132,421,371.00		
Taxes, Licenses & Fees			
Due or Accrued	\$622,885.00		
Federal Income Taxes			
Due or Accrued	\$0.00		
All Other Liabilities.....	\$34,333,893,616.00		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$62,507,331,824.00		
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$1,769,605.00		
Capital Paid Up	\$338,641,113.00		
Gross Paid In and			
Contributed Surplus.....	\$596,540,267.00		
Unassigned Surplus	\$2,625,343,377.00		
Surplus as Regards			
Policyholders	\$3,565,524,757.00		
TOTAL	\$66,072,856,581.00		
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025			
Direct Premiums Received	\$11,940,743.00		
Direct Losses Paid	\$40,689,453.00		
Losses Incurred	\$6,874,873.00		
Life Insurance in Force.....	\$1,493,558,254.00		

65242			FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
			YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025
THE LAFAYETTE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:			
301 EAST 4TH STREET			
CINCINNATI, OH 45202			
MAIL ADDRESS:			
400 BROADWAY			
CINCINNATI, OH 45202			
ASSETS:			
Bonds	\$4,470,686,275.00		
Stocks	\$384,439,276.00		
Mortgage Loans on			
Real Estate	\$775,971,726.00		
Real Estate Owned.....	\$0.00		
Policy Loans	\$1,236,438,183.00		
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$83,875,740.00		
Deferred and			
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$66,737,448.00		
Investment Income			
Due and Accrued	\$89,772,342.00		
Other Assets	\$43,871,526.00		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$7,545,738,516.00		
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS			
Reserve for Life			
Policies & Contracts	\$5,952,234,065.00		
Reserve for Accident			
& Health Policies	\$142,515.00		
Policy and Contract Claims			
Life	\$11,990,423.00		
Accident & Health			
General Expenses	\$0.00		
Due or Accrued	\$165,463.00		
Taxes, Licenses & Fees			
Due or Accrued	\$3,925,074.00		
Federal Income Taxes			
Due or Accrued	\$1,077,535.00		
All Other Liabilities.....	\$1,038,338,331.00		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$7,013,873,406.00		
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$1,769,605.00		
Capital Paid Up	\$2,500,000.00		
Gross Paid In and			
Contributed Surplus.....	\$325,072,668.00		
Unassigned Surplus	\$20,252,287.00		
Surplus as Regards			
Policyholders	\$331,865,110.00		
TOTAL	\$7,545,738,516.00		
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025			
Direct Premiums Received	\$1,162,328.00		
Direct Losses Paid	\$805,274.00		
Losses Incurred	\$12,859.00		
Life Insurance in Force.....	\$71,523,634.00		

65228			FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
			YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025
LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE SOUTHWEST			
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:			
15455 DALLAS PARKWAY			
ADDISON, TX 75001			
MAIL ADDRESS:			
1 NATIONAL LIFE DRIVE			
MONTPELIER, VT 05604			
ASSETS:			
Bonds	\$29,991,444,113.00		
Stocks	\$194,676,759.00		
Mortgage Loans on			
Real Estate	\$5,272,813,067.00		
Real Estate Owned.....	\$14,727,430.00		
Policy Loans	\$1,261,887,532.00		
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$498,525,283.00		
Deferred and			
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$81,953,088.00		
Investment Income			
Due and Accrued	\$346,850,176.00		
Other Assets	\$5,428,501,755.00		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$43,097,279,198.00		
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS			
Reserve for Life			
Policies & Contracts	\$28,488,250,491.00		
Reserve for Accident			
& Health Policies	\$267,235.00		
Policy and Contract Claims			
Life	\$82,183,412.00		
Accident & Health			
General Expenses	\$10,000.00		
Due or Accrued	\$11,002,688.00		
Taxes, Licenses & Fees			
Due or Accrued	\$9,914,209.00		
Federal Income Taxes			
Due or Accrued	\$0.00		
All Other Liabilities.....	\$11,921,965,875.00		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$40,513,593,910.00		
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$1,769,605.00		
Capital Paid Up	\$3,000,000.00		
Gross Paid In and			
Contributed Surplus.....	\$584,496,410.00		
Unassigned Surplus	\$1,966,188,878.00		
Surplus as Regards			
Policyholders	\$2,583,685,288.00		
TOTAL	\$43,097,279,198.00		
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025			
Direct Premiums Received	\$4,047,782.00		
Direct Losses Paid	\$743,822.00		
Losses Incurred	\$43,490.00		
Life Insurance in Force.....	\$243,199,320.00		

65276			FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
			YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025
THE LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:			
131 SOUTH HARRISON S			
FORT WAYNE, IN 46802-3425			
MAIL ADDRESS:			
100 NORTH GREENE STREET			
GREENSBORO, NC 27401			
ASSETS:			
Bonds	\$59,329,430,172.00		
Stocks	\$4,252,016,716.00		
Mortgage Loans on			
Real Estate	\$13,393,243,893.00		
Real Estate Owned.....	\$56,170,410.00		
Policy Loans	\$1,664,655,263.00		
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$8,438,429,302.00		
Deferred and			
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$465,134,373.00		
Investment Income			
Due and Accrued	\$700,018,490.00		
Other Assets	\$231,356,249,224.00		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$319,655,347,843.00		
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS			
Reserve for Life			
Policies & Contracts	\$45,223,338,011.00		
Reserve for Accident			
& Health Policies	\$1,561,009,673.00		
Policy and Contract Claims			
Life	\$891,956,223.00		
Accident & Health			
General Expenses	\$135,773,544.00		
Due or Accrued	\$1,512,771,007.00		
Taxes, Licenses & Fees			
Due or Accrued	\$80,961,774.00		
Federal Income Taxes			
Due or Accrued	\$0.00		
All Other Liabilities.....	\$262,247,617,247.00		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$311,653,427,479.00		
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$1,640,665,699.00		
Capital Paid Up	\$25,000,000.00		
Gross Paid In and			
Contributed Surplus.....	\$7137,868,579.00		
Unassigned Surplus	\$624,224,665.00		
Surplus as Regards			
Policyholders	\$8,001,920,364.00		
TOTAL	\$319,655,347,843.00		
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025			
Direct Premiums Received	\$133,766,790.00		
Direct Losses Paid	\$131,899,809.00		
Losses Incurred	\$46,238,087.00		
Life Insurance in Force.....	\$8,839,977,781.00		

65838			FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
			YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025
JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (USA)			
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:			
200 BERKELEY STREET			
BOSTON, MA 02116			
MAIL ADDRESS:			
200 BERKELEY STREET			
BOSTON, MA 02116			
ASSETS:			
Bonds	\$51,144,901,647.00		
Stocks	\$4,087,117,024.00		
Mortgage Loans on			
Real Estate	\$9,986,302,747.00		
Real Estate Owned.....	\$3,863,639,788.00		
Policy Loans	\$3,288,084,592.00		
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$5,358,468,508.00		
Deferred and			
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$32,069,630.00		
Investment Income			
Due and Accrued	\$896,510,342.00		
Other Assets	\$192,934,798,642.00		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$271,591,892,920.00		
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS			
Reserve for Life			
Policies & Contracts	\$53,721,270,871.00		
Reserve for Accident			
& Health Policies	\$15,682,881,488.00		
Policy and Contract Claims			
Life	\$574,653,496.00		
Accident & Health			
General Expenses	\$224,388,713.00		
Due or Accrued	\$253,902,572.00		
Taxes, Licenses & Fees			
Due or Accrued	\$2,764,883.00		
Federal Income Taxes			
Unearned Premiums	\$0.00		
All Other Liabilities.....	\$6,935.00		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$51,016.00		
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$201,064,823,811.00		
Capital Paid Up	\$20,678,764.00		
Capital Paid Up	\$4,828,941.00		
Gross Paid In and			
Contributed Surplus	\$3,556,327,820.00		
Unassigned Surplus	\$5,909,471,125.00		
Surplus as Regards			
Policyholders	\$10,527,069,109.00		
TOTAL	\$271,591,892,920.00		
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025			
Direct Premiums Received	\$86,170,375.00		
Direct Losses Paid	\$1,200,676,205.00		
Losses Incurred	\$16,390,694.00		
Life Insurance in Force.....	\$1,915,604,537.00		

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

JACKSON NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:

1 CORPORATE WAY

LANSING, MI 48951

MAIL ADDRESS:

1 CORPORATE WAY

LANSING, MI 48951

ASSETS:

Bonds.....\$30,298,894,163.00

Stocks.....\$991,861,642.00

Mortgage Loans on

Real Estate.....\$8,675,742,097.00

Real Estate Owned.....\$230,509,086.00

Policy Loans.....\$4,220,099,858.00

Cash and Bank Deposits.....\$3,626,372,945.00

Deferred and

Uncollected Premiums.....\$426,759,585.00

Investment Income

Due and Accrued.....\$558,360,077.00

Other Assets.....\$243,645,694,603.00

TOTAL ASSETS.....\$292,674,294,056.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025
PRIMERICA LIFE INSURANCE CO
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
21 PLATFORM WALK SOUTH, SUITE 3500
NASHVILLE, TN 37203
MAIL ADDRESS:
1 PRIMERICA PARKWAY
DULUTH, GA 30099

ASSETS:	
Bonds.....	\$1,896,906,328.00
Stocks.....	\$526,224,202.00
Mortgage loans on	
Real Estate.....	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned.....	\$0.00
Policy Loans.....	\$721,257.00
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$43,056,188.00
Deferred and	
Uncollected Premiums.....	(\$274,005,465.00)
Investment Income	
Due and Accrued.....	\$16,869,745.00
Other Assets.....	\$32,697,515.00
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$2,599,469,718.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Life	
Policies & Contracts.....	\$642,107,806.00
Reserve for Accident	
& Health Policies.....	\$4,763,751.00
Policy and Contract Claims	
Life.....	\$1,935,799.00
Accident & Health	
General Expenses.....	\$61,443.00
Due or Accrued.....	\$39,180,643.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	
Due or Accrued.....	\$16,758,531.00
Federal Income Taxes	
Due or Accrued.....	\$45,523,234.00
All Other Liabilities.....	\$1,041,48,470.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$1,791,479,377.00
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up.....	\$2,500,000.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus.....	\$495,216,498.00
Unassigned Surplus.....	\$310,288,803.00
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders.....	\$0.00
TOTAL.....	\$807,990,401.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025

Direct Premiums Received.....	\$5,195,584.00
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$3,310,411.00
Losses Incurred.....	\$3,755,565.00
Life Insurance in Force.....	\$1,543,580,641.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DIVISION OF INSURANCE/ STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Primerica Life Insurance Co, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Tennessee has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

1, 2

1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

In this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
1295 STATE STREET
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01111
MAIL ADDRESS:
1295 STATE STREET
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01111

ASSETS:	
Bonds.....	\$171,236,143,130.00
Stocks.....	\$28,005,997,737.00
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate.....	\$24,697,582,955.00
Real Estate Owned.....	\$327,046,494.00
Policy Loans.....	\$19,042,284,616.00
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$8,126,015,207.00
Deferred and	
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$1,341,842,710.00
Investment Income	
Due and Accrued.....	\$4,977,690,625.00
Other Assets.....	\$98,374,811,098.00
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$356,729,414,032.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Life	
Policies & Contracts.....	\$184,364,137,945.00
Reserve for Accident	
& Health Policies.....	\$3,277,347,564.00
Policy and Contract Claims	
Life.....	\$640,433,480.00
Accident & Health	
General Expenses.....	\$25,877,361.00
Due or Accrued.....	\$1,477,931,283.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	
Due or Accrued.....	\$167,315,875.00
Federal Income Taxes	
Due or Accrued.....	\$0.00
All Other Liabilities.....	\$137,075,298,923.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$326,902,342,431.00
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$6,224,674,057.00
Capital Paid Up.....	\$0.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus.....	\$0.00
Unassigned Surplus.....	\$22,992,397,544.00
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders.....	\$29,227,071,601.00
TOTAL.....	\$356,129,414,032.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025

Direct Premiums Received.....	\$30,416,711.00
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$145,846,734.00
Losses Incurred.....	\$90,923,540.00
Life Insurance in Force.....	\$1,394,409,371.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DIVISION OF INSURANCE/ STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Massachusetts has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

1, 2, 20, 21

1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

In this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025
METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
18270 CRANE NEST DRIVE, 3RD FLOOR
TAMPA, FL 33647
MAIL ADDRESS:
18270 CRANE NEST DRIVE, 3RD FLOOR
TAMPA, FL 33647

ASSETS:	
Bonds.....	\$134,485,465,303.00
Stocks.....	\$1,348,282,918.00
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate.....	\$46,883,147,466.00
Real Estate Owned.....	\$1,166,062,875.00
Policy Loans.....	\$5,163,209,845.00
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$8,783,578,629.00
Deferred and	
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$4,224,248,419.00
Investment Income	
Due and Accrued.....	\$3,951,007,397.00
Other Assets.....	\$138,986,541,534.00
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$344,971,544,386.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Life	
Policies & Contracts.....	\$82,960,304,949.00
Reserve for Accident	
& Health Policies.....	\$28,746,203,379.00
Policy and Contract Claims	
Life.....	\$4,340,266,716.00
Accident & Health	
General Expenses.....	\$89,924,958.00
Due or Accrued.....	\$7,633,350.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	
Due or Accrued.....	\$121,849,618.00
Federal Income Taxes	
Due or Accrued.....	\$0.00
All Other Liabilities.....	\$219,517,555,718.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$336,348,738,688.00
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$700,000,000.00
Capital Paid Up.....	\$4,944,667.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus.....	\$5,795,906,116.00
Unassigned Surplus.....	\$2,121,954,915.00
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders.....	\$8,622,805,698.00
TOTAL.....	\$344,129,544,386.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025

Direct Premiums Received.....	\$40,758,543.00
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$33,824,963.00
Losses Incurred.....	\$48,602,032.00
Life Insurance in Force.....	\$11,072,096,560.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DIVISION OF INSURANCE/ STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of New York has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

1, 2, 16, 20, 21

1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025
MIDLAND NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
8300 WILKS CIVIC PARKWAY
WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266
MAIL ADDRESS:
8300 WILKS CIVIC PARKWAY
WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266

ASSETS:	
Bonds.....	\$57,899,649,757.99
Stocks.....	\$4,393,104,665.85
Mortgage loans on	
Real Estate.....	\$3,910,917,351.46
Real Estate Owned.....	\$94,447,700.86
Policy Loans.....	\$665,442,931.91
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$1,419,028,240.20
Deferred and	
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$729,497,072.63
Investment Income	
Due and Accrued.....	\$588,576,797.49
Other Assets.....	\$19,145,043,865.99
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$88,238,408,384.58

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Life	
Policies & Contracts.....	\$43,079,403,290.95
Reserve for Accident	
& Health Policies.....	\$11,632.49
Policy and Contract Claims	
Life.....	\$293,578,434.11
Accident & Health	
General Expenses.....	\$62,197.38
Due or Accrued.....	\$157,805,071.37
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	
Due or Accrued.....	\$6,452,559.61
Federal Income Taxes	
Due or Accrued.....	\$0.00
All Other Liabilities.....	\$39,561,181,801.86
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$83,098,494,987.97
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$1,575,620,189.51
Capital Paid Up.....	\$2,549,439.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus.....	\$993,927,235.39
Unassigned Surplus.....	\$2,667,816,532.71
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders.....	\$5,339,913,396.59
TOTAL.....	\$88,238,408,384.58

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025

Direct Premiums Received.....	\$18,362,739.00
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$13,028,611.00
Losses Incurred.....	\$14,666,498.87
Life Insurance in Force.....	\$3,574,396,243.26

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DIVISION OF INSURANCE/ STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Midland National Life Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Iowa has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

1, 2, 20, 21

1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

City Council approves two four-way intersections

by Elizabeth Varin

The Groton City Council approved the addition of two new four-way stop intersections during its meeting Tuesday evening, including one in the Olson Development on the city’s north side and another converting a seasonal stop near the city swimming pool into a permanent traffic control measure.

The first of the four-way decisions came after Quintin Biermann, who lives near the intersection of East 13th Avenue and North Sixth Street, asked the council to consider changing it from stop signs on the east-west roadway to a full four-way stop intersection. He cited potential safety concerns as he sees a lot of cars travel at a high rate of speed when they’re coming off the gravel road heading into the area.

“I work odd hours,” he said. “I’m home a lot. I see it. And there’s a lot of kids in that development.”

Councilwoman Jordan Voss-Severson, who lives near that area, agreed about the safety concerns, saying there’s only one other stop sign in that development, at the intersection of North Fifth Street and East 13th Avenue.

The council approved adding two more stop signs to the intersection of North Sixth Street and 13th Avenue to make it into a full four-way stop intersection.

Following that decision, the council took up discussion of changing the seasonal four-way stop intersection at North Main Street and East 10th Avenue into a permanent four-way stop.

The intersection southwest of the swimming pool has a flashing red light and portable stop sign that is utilized when the swimming pool is open in the summer. However, council members expressed concerns about traffic speeding through that area.

Councilman Brian Bahr mentioned that the speed limit drops from 25 miles per hour south of that intersection to 15 miles per hour for a couple blocks before the roadway intersects with Highway 12. However, people seem to fly through that area as though the speed limit doesn’t drop there.

Council members also cited the traffic collision near that intersection on May 11 where a child was hit by a vehicle.

Mayor Scott Hanlon said people need to be a little courteous while driving, and if they aren’t, actions like adding stop signs end up being taken.

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Pictured are Groton Area Coach Joel Guthmiller and the Groton Area team members Carlee Johnson, Halee Harder, Rylie Rose and Claire Schuelke (Courtesy Photo)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Strokes																					
GOLD - Ladies Tee / SLOPE®: 120 / Course Rating™: 70.4 / Olive Grove Golf Course																					
Yardage	310	309	418	132	334	285	305	175	405	2673	310	309	418	132	334	285	305	175	405	2673	5346
Par	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	3	5	36	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	3	5	36	72
Claire Schuelke	6	4	6	6	5	7	4	4	6	48										0	48
Carlee Johnson	6	5	5	5	6	4	6	5	6	48										0	48
Rylie Rose	6	5	5	6	6	5	7	6	6	52										0	52
Halee Harder	3	7	6	4	8	5	6	4	10	53										0	53

Starting Hole

Eagle or Better

Birdie

Par

Bogey

Double Bogey or Worse

Groton Girls Place Second at Weather-Shortened NEC Golf Meet

The Groton Area Tigers turned in a strong performance Monday at the Northeast Conference Girls Golf Meet at Olive Grove Golf Course, finishing second in the team standings after weather forced the event to be shortened to nine holes. Groton carded a team score of 201, trailing only champion Aberdeen Roncalli, which finished with a 177. Sisseton placed third with a 206, while Milbank shot a 231. The Tigers were led by a pair of top-10 finishers as both Claire Schuelke and Carlee Johnson shot rounds of 48 to tie for sixth place overall. Schuelke and Johnson each finished 12-over par on the shortened layout and helped anchor Groton’s runner-up finish.

Rylie Rose also cracked the top 12 for the Tigers, carding a 52 to place 11th overall, while Halee Harder followed closely with a 53 to finish 12th. Aberdeen Roncalli dominated the individual standings with Grace Seyer earning medalist honors after shooting a 41. Sisseton’s Kenzley Heath was second with a 43, while Claire Crawford of Roncalli placed third with a 44.

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