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National Disability Advocate, Julie Huso, to Represent VOR at South Dakota Developmental Center's Annual Celebration

REDFIELD - Julie Huso, Executive Director of VOR, a national organization for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, will attend the South Dakota Developmental Center's annual Fall Festival celebration later this week in Redfield, South Dakota.

VOR advocates for high quality care and human rights for all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) across the country. The South Dakota Developmental Center provides individualized treatment services and supports to people with developmental disabilities and challenging behaviors when these necessary services are not available in other settings.

Huso, who has served as VOR's Executive Director for more than five years and has worked as a disability advocate for more than 25 years, will speak with families and staff about national issues impacting the lives of those with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families, and spend the day enjoying the celebration.

"The South Dakota Developmental Center such a well-run and a beautiful home for its residents. It is a gem that South Dakota citizens should be very proud of," said Huso. "South Dakota's support for the center is a bright spot so unlike the service and funding challenges facing many individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities across the country."

The Redfield, South Dakota center will host its celebration on Friday, September 5, from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. This annual celebration is one that the residents, their families, center staff and the Redfield community look forward to each year.

More information about the services available at the South Dakota Developmental Center is available at <http://dhs.sd.gov/sddc/>.

About VOR: VOR is a national organization that advocates for high quality care and human rights for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Offering community, legal, medical and educational resources for families of individuals with special needs, VOR is committed to providing help for people with disabilities. Standing up for long term care facilities and community disability programs, VOR is dedicated to maintaining family choice for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For more information about VOR, including information about our programs and a press kit, please visit <http://vor.net/about-vor>.

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