

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, dyslexia affects one of every five people regardless of gender, race, age, or socioeconomic status; and

WHEREAS, dyslexia is the most common learning disability in children, representing 80–90% of all those with learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS, dyslexia is characterized by difficulties with word recognition, spelling and decoding abilities despite normal to above average intelligence; and

WHEREAS, typical strengths of those with dyslexia include thinking “outside the box,” spatial reasoning, quickly seeing connections, adaptability, creativity, and empathy; and

WHEREAS, every child should be screened for dyslexia as early diagnosis and appropriate intervention is critical for personal and academic success; and

WHEREAS, awareness and appreciation for the assets that dyslexic individuals bring enhances the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor of the City of Brookings, State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set forth my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Brookings, this 10th day of October, 2023.

Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor