

Mayoral Proclamation

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, the Senior Companions of South Dakota is an AmeriCorps Seniors program that helps older adults and adults with disabilities remain independent and connected to their communities; and

WHEREAS, Senior Companion volunteers reduce loneliness and social isolation, and assist their neighbors with transportation, errands, and caregiver respite, helping individuals to continue living safely and with dignity in their own homes; and

WHEREAS, Brookings is home to two such dedicated volunteers, Connie Hagemann, who has contributed 1,465 hours, and Sharon Klosterman, who has contributed 1,639 hours, representing a combined gift of more than 3,100 hours to our community; and

WHEREAS, this service embodies the very spirit that Brookings strives for as a community: an inclusive, connected place that fosters a high quality of life for all of its residents, sustained by the honesty, integrity, and everyday commitment of neighbors caring for neighbors; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, August 14, 2026, Senior Companions volunteers will be celebrated at the Northeast South Dakota Volunteer Recognition Event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor of the City of Brookings, do hereby proclaim Friday, August 14, 2026 as:

SENIOR COMPANIONS OF SOUTH DAKOTA DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Brookings, this 11th day of August, 2026.

Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor