

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, nearly one out of ten small businesses across the United States is veteran owned -- from Main Street stores to virtual high-tech startups that advance America, veteran owned small businesses are a pillar of our economy and contribute to our nation's foundation; and

WHEREAS, veteran and military spouse small business owners are resilient, disciplined, and mission-oriented, thanks to their commitment to serving our country and communities; and

WHEREAS, when we resolve ourselves to strengthen our communities, we must empower and support the giants that veteran entrepreneurs are in our economy; and

WHEREAS, National Veterans Small Business Week highlights the programs and services available to veteran entrepreneurs through the U.S. Small Business Administration and resource partners; and

WHEREAS, Brookings supports and joins in this national effort to help America's veteran owned small businesses start, grow, and recover their businesses after a disaster and help our communities thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor of the City of Brookings, State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 30 through November 3, 2023 as

VETERANS SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set forth my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Brookings, this 24th day of October, 2023.

Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor