

# MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, stormwater runoff in Brookings impacts water quality and flooding in the Big Sioux River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, population growth, residential and commercial development, and the resulting changes to the landscape will only increase stormwater quality and quantity concerns in South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, these impacts cannot be entirely avoided or eliminated but can be minimized; and

WHEREAS, it is currently recognized that control of stormwater quantity and quality is most effectively implemented when people and organizations understand the related causes and consequences of polluted stormwater runoff and flooding, and the actions they can take to control these; and

WHEREAS, Stormwater Awareness Week is an opportunity for local governments, businesses, and environmental groups to highlight the importance of preventing stormwater pollution and managing stormwater runoff to our rivers, lakes, streams, and our neighbors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor of the City of Brookings, do hereby proclaim the week of September 22nd – 26th as

## STORMWATER AWARENESS WEEK

And urge all residents, businesses, and visitors to participate in responsible stormwater choices to protect our waterbodies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have placed the Seal of the City of Brookings, State of South Dakota, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2025.

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Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor