

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, National Disability Employment Awareness Month is commemorating its 80th anniversary of educating about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's disabled workers; and

WHEREAS, NDEAM is led by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy, but its true spirit lies in the many observances held at the grassroots level across the nation every year. Employers of all sizes and in all industries are encouraged to participate in NDEAM; and

WHEREAS, Workplaces welcoming of the talents of all people, including disabled people, are a critical part of our efforts to build an inclusive community and strong economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor of the City of Brookings, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as

NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

And I call upon employers, schools and other community organizations in Brookings to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to advance its important message that disabled people are equal to the task throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have placed the Seal of the City of Brookings, State of South Dakota, this 14th day of October, 2025.

Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor