

# Mayoral Proclamation

City of Brookings, South Dakota

WHEREAS, Lawrence Novotny has made a substantial and sustaining impact on the City of Brookings through his twenty-six years of service on the Human Rights Commission; and

WHEREAS, in addition to volunteering as the Human Rights Commission recorder and LGBTQ+ liaison, Lawrence Novotny has worked tirelessly to make our community better by planning and hosting events, reviewing processes, and ensuring the City of Brookings maintained a high Municipal Equality Index score; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Novotny has kept the Human Rights Commission informed about pertinent legislative bills and drafted appropriate responses during lawmaking sessions; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 Dorothy & Eugene T. Butler Human Rights Award was given to Lawrence Novotny for his staunch commitment to protecting human rights and promoting equity and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, we, the People of Brookings, wish to recognize Lawrence Novotny because his civic engagement is unparalleled and a valuable model for all who follow.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor of the City of Brookings, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, January 23, 2024 as

## LAWRENCE NOVOTNY DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set forth my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Brookings, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2024.

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Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor