MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

- WHEREAS, the 211 Helpline Center is making lives better by giving support, offering hope and creating connections statewide 24/7; and
- WHEREAS, the 211 Helpline Center serves thousands of people every year by connecting individuals to resources and support, providing child care referrals, managing a volunteer database, offering hope to individuals with thoughts of suicide and connecting families in need of critical resources; and
- WHEREAS, the helpline makes the social services ecosystem more efficient, by ensuring people in need are connected to crucial agencies; and
- WHEREAS, the process of getting 211 designated as a human and social services referral line was spearheaded by United Way many years ago; and
- WHEREAS, Brookings is encouraged to use the human and social services referral hotline by dialing 2-1-1 or visiting www.helplinecenter.org
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor of the City of Brookings, do hereby proclaim Friday, February 11, 2022 as

211 HELPLINE CENTER DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have placed the Seal of the City of Brookings, State of South Dakota, this 8^{th} day of February 2022.

Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor