

Mayoral Proclamation

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, June is celebrated as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Two Spirit (LGBTQ2S+) Pride Month across the USA; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month celebrates everyone's right to live without fear of prejudice based on sexual orientation or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ2S+ community includes our neighbors, friends, and family members; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings vision is to be a welcoming and inclusive community where all can bring your dreams; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings has received a score of 100 on the Human Rights Campaign Municipal Equality Index, the largest LGBTQ2S+ civil rights organization in the U.S. for eight years in a row; and

WHEREAS, these entities in Brookings have been working tirelessly for LGBTQ2S+ awareness and equality: Human Rights Commission, Brookings Public Library, Brookings Arts Council, and Brookings Pride; and

WHEREAS, the Brookings community will be celebrating Pride on June 27 at Pioneer Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor of the City of Brookings, do hereby proclaim June 2026 as:

LGBTQ2S+ PRIDE MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have placed the Seal of the City of Brookings, State of South Dakota, this 23rd day of June, 2026.

Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor