

# MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2023, at Toyota Stadium in Frisco, Texas, the South Dakota State University Jackrabbit Football team won its first-ever NCAA Division I FCS National Championship; and

WHEREAS, the No. 1 seeded Jackrabbits thumped their rival North Dakota State University Bison 45-21, ending the Bison's nine-game winning streak in national championships; and

WHEREAS, John Stiegelmeier (Coach Stig), head football coach at South Dakota State University since 1997, won his first national championship after guiding the Jackrabbits to 11 consecutive playoff appearances; and

WHEREAS, Coach Stig was named the recipient of the 2022 Eddie Robinson Award, which honors the FCS national coach of the year; and

WHEREAS, Coach Stig and the entire coaching and support staff, Athletic Director Justin Sell and staff, President Barry Dunn, parents of team members, and Jackrabbit fans worldwide were integral in guiding the team to victory through their unwavering support; and

WHEREAS, winning the 2022 NCAA Division I FCS National Championship has brought honor to South Dakota State University and the City of Brookings on the local, state and national level.

NOW, Therefore Be It Resolved, that I, Oepke Niemeyer, Mayor of the City of Brookings, do hereby recognize, honor and congratulate the South Dakota State University Jackrabbit Football team as the 2022 NCAA Division I FCS National Champions. Go Jacks!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have placed the Seal of the  
City of Brookings, State of South Dakota, this  
10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

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Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor