

# MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, the Council for Opportunity in Education has declared an annual First-Generation College Celebration each year in November to celebrate the passing of the Higher Education Act of 1965, which expanded opportunities for low-income and first-generation populations; and

WHEREAS, education is a priority in Brookings, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, first-generation students and alumni exhibit resilience on their paths to earning a degree; and

WHEREAS, first-generation students and alumni make important contributions to the Brookings community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor of the City of Brookings, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, November 8, 2023 as

## FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE CELEBRATION DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have placed the Seal of  
the City of Brookings, State of South  
Dakota, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

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Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor