

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, McCrory Gardens has been a beloved treasure in Brookings since its founding in 1965, serving as a public garden, educational resource, and place of beauty for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the land on which McCrory Gardens grows is part of the ancestral and contemporary homelands of the Oceti Sakowin—the Dakota, Lakota, and Nakota people—who have long nurtured a deep relationship with this land, its plants, and its rhythms; and

WHEREAS, the Gardens stand to honor Samuel A. McCrory and as a living legacy Dr. Ronald M. Peterson, generations of visionaries, horticulturists, educators, students, and volunteers who have stewarded its growth with care and creativity; and

WHEREAS, McCrory Gardens continues to partner with South Dakota State University, SDSU Extension, Tribal and community leaders, and visitors of all backgrounds to preserve the cultural, ecological, and agricultural heritage of South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the year 2025 marks the 60th anniversary of McCrory Gardens—an occasion worthy of recognition and celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor of the City of Brookings, do hereby proclaim August 1, 2025, as

MCCRORY GARDENS DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand,
and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of
Brookings, this 22nd day of July, 2025.

Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor