

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, domestic violence is prevalent in every community, with implications for personal, family, and community health; and

WHEREAS, anyone can be a victim of domestic violence, regardless of age, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a pattern of assaultive and coercive behaviors which include physical, sexual, verbal, economic or psychological abuse that adults or adolescents use against their intimate partner.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor of the City of Brookings, State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

And call upon all of Brookings to be open to understanding the nature of domestic violence, to advocate for the use of tolerance, support, and reason in the face of conflict and against the use of violence, to empower those who have been victimized by violence and to promote a less violent society by modeling, educating, and promoting alternatives to violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set forth my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Brookings, this 26th day of September, 2023.

Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor