

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

City of Brookings, South Dakota

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promote the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of residents by providing opportunities for exercise, relaxation, and connection with nature; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings is fortunate to benefit from a strong system of parks, trails, recreational amenities, and dedicated professionals who enrich the lives of residents every day; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation agencies provide valuable services, including wellness programming, environmental stewardship, and recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, parks and natural areas enhance the beauty and environmental health of our community while helping ensure resilience for future generations; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation increases a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, July is recognized nationwide as Parks and Recreation Month in celebration of the essential role parks and recreation play in building healthy, vibrant, and connected communities.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have placed the Seal of the City of Brookings, State of South Dakota, this 14th day of July 2026.

Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor