

# Mayoral Proclamation

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, the Brookings Multicultural Center supports a thriving international community that contributes to the high quality of life and provides a vital economic impact to the Brookings area; and

WHEREAS, Brookings has greatly benefited from the contributions of international faculty, students, and their families, who bring valuable enrichment to our community. Today, the presence of 850 international students from 81 countries enrolled at South Dakota State University continues to positively impact Brookings by fostering cross-cultural understanding, supporting the local economy, and enhancing the educational environment for all; and

WHEREAS, the Brookings Multicultural Center and the South Dakota State University Office of International Affairs will hold the 4th Annual International Ice Cream Social and Community Fair to welcome international faculty and students and their families to our community and all who would like to join us to celebrate this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor of the City of Brookings, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, August 20, 2025 as:

A DAY TO CELEBRATE THE CULTURES OF OUR COMMUNITY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Brookings, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

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Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor