

# MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, the white cane demonstrates and symbolizes the ability to achieve a full and independent life and the capacity to work productively in competitive employment; and

WHEREAS, the white cane, by allowing every blind person to move freely and safely from place to place, makes it possible for the blind to fully participate in and contribute to our society and to live the lives they want; and

WHEREAS, the law requires that motorists and cyclists exercise appropriate caution when approaching a blind person carrying a white cane; and

WHEREAS, the law also calls upon employers to be aware of and utilize the employment skills of our blind citizens by recognizing their worth as individuals and their productive capacities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor of the City of Brookings, State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2023 as

## WHITE CANE AWARENESS DAY

And call upon all to utilize the available skills of blind persons and to recognize the white cane as a tool of independence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set forth my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Brookings, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

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Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor