

# MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, strong communities are built on understanding, dialogue, and a shared commitment to fostering respect and seeing the best in one another; and

WHEREAS, the School of American & Global Studies at South Dakota State University is hosting a Religion and Values Forum to encourage civil discussions on values essential to citizenship and community life; and

WHEREAS, this Forum seeks to bring neighbors together by hosting speakers that engage in thoughtful dialogue on important and often challenging issues of the day; and

WHEREAS, the inaugural Forum, to be held on January 30, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the South Dakota Art Museum, will feature Dr. Kristin Renwick Monroe, a political scientist whose research explores the profound moral courage of individuals in times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, events like the Religion and Values Forum bridge divides and strengthen the bonds of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor of the City of Brookings, do hereby proclaim January 30, 2025 as:

## RELIGION AND VALUES FORUM DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have placed the Seal of the City of Brookings, State of South Dakota, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

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Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor