

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, developmental disabilities are often present as early as birth in those impacted, and endure across the lifespan of a person; and

WHEREAS, disability is a natural part of the human experience that does not diminish the right of individuals to enjoy self-determination and experience full inclusion; and

WHEREAS, family, friends, and the community can play an important role in enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities, especially when provided with necessary services and supports; and

WHEREAS, the goals of our community include providing individuals with disabilities the opportunities and support to achieve full integration in society, in an individualized manner, consistent with unique strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, and capabilities of each individual; and

WHEREAS, through increased awareness of programs and activities, the public will better understand the potential and needs of individuals with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor of the City of Brookings, do hereby proclaim March 2026, as

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

And call upon the people of Brookings to recognize this special observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have placed the Seal of the City of Brookings, State of South Dakota, this 24th day of March 2026.

Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor