

# MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

City of Brookings, South Dakota

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promotes time spent in nature, which impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance, and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimers; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation encourages physical activities by providing space for activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation increases economic prosperity through increased property values, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, Brookings recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

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 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.

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Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor