

Mayoral Proclamation

City of Brookings, South Dakota

WHEREAS, individuals whose disabilities occur during their developmental years frequently have severe disabilities that are likely to continue indefinitely; 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 in the economic, political, social, cultural, and educational mainstream; 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 the nation, state and community properly 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, National Developmental Disability Awareness Month will honor the 30th anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, a celebration that will run through 2020; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, I KEITH W. CORBETT, Mayor of the City of Brookings, South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 2020, as

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

And call upon the people of Brookings to join their fellow citizens and community organizations in recognizing this special observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set forth my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Brookings, this 10th day of March, 2020.

Keith W. Corbett, Mayor