

Mayoral Proclamation

City of Brookings, South Dakota

WHEREAS, Al Heuton retires this month after 15 years of visionary and devoted service as the Executive Director for Brookings Economic Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Al's strategic recruitment and expansion of businesses has resulted in the creation of over 1,000 new jobs and capital investments exceeding \$100 million; and

WHEREAS, Al is directly responsible for bringing in over \$24 million in grant dollars for the Brookings region; and

WHEREAS, Brookings has seen tremendous growth during Al's tenure including a population increase of 26% and an ongoing economic impact from his work of more than \$100 million annually; and

WHEREAS, Brookings has garnered significant national recognition for economic success during Al's tenure including being named #16 Best Performing Micropolitan in the Country by Policom in 2020, a National Micropolitan Success Story by the Walton Family Foundation in 2018 and one of only eleven communities chosen for a Case Study for Positive Economic Transformation for the State of Indiana in 2014.

NOW THEREFORE, I, KEITH W. CORBETT, Mayor of the City of Brookings, South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 16, 2020, as

AL HEUTON DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set forth my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Brookings, this 8th day of December, 2020.

Keith W. Corbett Mayor