

# Mayoral Proclamation

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, Mark Sternhagen will be recognized as South Dakota's Outstanding Individual with a Disability at the 2021 Governor's Award Ceremony on October 5, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mark taught for 32 years at South Dakota State University, wrote two books sharing his personal experience with the polio epidemic, and is a local business owner; and

WHEREAS, Mark has been a valued friend and generous mentor to many; and

WHEREAS, Mark is a passionate vaccination advocate who has used numerous public platforms to encourage others to stop the spread of preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, Mark has been an active member on the Governing Board of Directors for LifeScape since 2014 and the Brookings Disability Awareness Committee since 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor of the City of Brookings, do hereby proclaim October 5, 2021 as:

## MARK STERNHAGEN DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Brookings, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

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Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor