

Proclamation

City of Deadwood, Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS: Jerry Pontius started volunteer service with the Deadwood Volunteer Fire Department in 1963: and

WHEREAS: Jerry has served as a firefighter for 60 years, promoting teamwork and cooperation: and

WHEREAS: Jerry was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the department handling finances and membership records more than once.

WHEREAS: Following in his father's footsteps, Jerry served as Fire Chief for Deadwood from 1971 – 1975 with distinction.

WHEREAS: Jerry has served in all capacities with the Fire Department, doing anything from washing dishes to fixing equipment putting his engineering to use.

WHEREAS: Jerry worked for many years at Homestake Gold Mine and AJP Consulting.

WHEREAS: Jerry, not only has he served 60 years but he is still going strong, continuing to serve the Deadwood Volunteer Fire Department.

THEREFORE, I, David Ruth Jr., Mayor of Deadwood do hereby proclaim Sunday, October 8th, 2023 as

Jerry 'Arthur' Pontius Day

In the City of Deadwood, I call upon the people of Deadwood to offer their personal thanks to Jerry for his service to the community. Please join with Jerry and the Deadwood Volunteer Fire Department's Parade at 2pm to celebrate his day! Program and refreshments to follow at the Fire Hall.

SEAL

David Ruth Jr., Mayor

Date