



Executive Proclamation

Deadwood, South Dakota

Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, more than 100,000 individuals live below the poverty line in South Dakota, and more than 3500 affordable homes are needed in the Black Hills Area; and

WHEREAS, Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity has served 365 families through affordable housing solutions, and will continue to address the lack of decent housing in our communities and around the world while reducing environmental impact by recycling building materials through Habitat ReStores; and

WHEREAS, secure housing not only facilitates opportunities for health improvement, civic engagement, investment and wealth accumulation, but also provides a source of dignity and respect and serves as a basis for the pursuit of other rights. By offering a hand up, Habitat looks to help close the gap of growing inequality by committing to scaling up our process and working to offer as many families as possible stable housing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly has declared the first Monday in October as World Habitat Day, a time to unite in a worldwide effort to promote policies to ensure adequate shelter for all. By raising awareness and advocating for universal decent housing, we can change the systems that reinforce poverty housing and make affordable homes a reality for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dave Ruth Jr., Mayor of Deadwood, do hereby designate October 2nd, 2023, as

World Habitat Day

and encourage all Deadwood citizens to work towards the elimination of inadequate housing.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Deadwood this 2nd day of October, 2023.

Dave Ruth Jr., Mayor

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