

PROCLAMATION

BILL PEARSON DAY IN DEADWOOD SEPTEMBER 17th, 2022

WHEREAS: Bill Pearson has spent the better part of the last 30 years as a steadfast volunteer and staunch advocate for the Deadwood Jam, bringing eclectic, quality music to the area.

WHEREAS: September 16, 2022 marks the 32nd anniversary of the Deadwood Jam music festival, which started in 1990.

WHEREAS: The Deadwood Jam is orchestrated by a 13-member volunteer board of directors, with many volunteers contributing to the event over the years, but few contributing their time and talents for 30 years, as Bill has -- nearly the entire time the Deadwood Jam has been in existence.

WHEREAS: Bill officially served 29 years on the Board of Directors, 10 years as board president, and three years as a sponsor in his capacity as Sales Manager for Reinhart Foods.

WHEREAS: Even after his retirement from both the board and Reinhart, Bill continues to rally and wrangle the troops in an unofficial capacity, extending his contributions in the name of his passion for music and love for Deadwood.

WHEREAS: Securing staunch financial support in the form of sponsorships, Bill was instrumental in bringing the Jam back into the black and on to its current free admission status.

WHEREAS: Through his involvement in the Main Street Initiative, Bill was also highly instrumental in the development and construction of Outlaw Square, the ultimate venue for his vision of a free public gathering and performance space for Deadwood's people and patrons,

WHEREAS: Bill has handed the torch to the next generation of volunteers, including his daughter, Katie, but still gives guidance and assistance as needed.

WHEREAS: The Deadwood Jam Committee is grateful for his past and continued efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF DEADWOOD, I, MAYOR, DAVID RUTH, JR., do hereby proclaim September 17th, 2022 as
"BILL PEARSON DAY"

In the city of Deadwood and encourage our citizens to get out and ENJOY THE JAM!

DATED this 19th day of September, 2022

Mayor Dave Ruth, Jr.