

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

ANN CHARLES AND SAM LUCK WEEK IN DEADWOOD SEPTEMBER 18 - 21, 2023

WHEREAS, In 2011 Ann and Sam wrote and published the first book in the Deadwood Mystery series, *Nearly Departed in Deadwood*. This on-going fiction series stars the contemporary town of Deadwood and incorporates many true details of the town's history.

WHEREAS, In 2019 Ann and Sam wrote published the first book in the Deadwood Undertaker series, *Life at the Coffin Joint*. This on-going fiction historical series stars the town of Deadwood during the late 1870s, incorporating historical facts collected through research done via non-fiction books, historical newspaper articles, and online resources.

WHEREAS, From 2011 until present day, Ann and Sam continue to promote both the Deadwood Mystery series and the Deadwood Undertaker series through radio and television interviews, podcasts, articles, conferences and book festivals, and more both nationally and internationally, which in turn promotes the town of Deadwood to readers and audiobook listeners all over the world.

WHEREAS, From 2012 until the present day, Ann and Sam have held an annual fan week get together that has brought in readers of one or both Deadwood series to town. During the get together, visitors have explored the town of Deadwood and Lead, frequenting local businesses, as well as attending events put on by Ann and Sam that incorporate area attractions.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that I, Mayor David Ruth Jr., do hereby declare Monday-Thursday, September 18-21, 2023, as Ann Charles and Sam Lucky Week in the City of Deadwood and call upon the people of Deadwood to join Ann and Sam in celebration of the town and community.

David Ruth Jr., Mayor