

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, David R. Ruth, Jr. was born in Deadwood, South Dakota, on May 8, 1971, and is a proud fifth-generation Deadwood resident whose family settled in the area on Tuesday, November 6, 1877; and

**WHEREAS**, Dave graduated from Lead High School in 1989 and enlisted in the United States Army, where he honorably served as a Korean language analyst; and

**WHEREAS**, after receiving an honorable discharge, Dave returned to his hometown of Deadwood and began a distinguished career spanning over 30 years in the gaming industry; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1995, Dave married his wife Kerry, and together they have been blessed with two children, Tanner and Jachin. While nothing is more important to him than his family, a close second are his beloved sports teams: the Pittsburgh Steelers, Los Angeles Dodgers, and Colorado Avalanche; and

**WHEREAS**, Dave is well known for enjoying a good cigar, whether in his own yard or at a local cigar lounge; and

**WHEREAS**, Dave has demonstrated his commitment to the community of Deadwood through years of volunteer service and leadership in a variety of civic organizations and initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Dave was elected to the Deadwood City Commission on May 5, 2014 and served one and a half terms before being sworn in as Mayor on October 24, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past seven years, Dave has led the City of Deadwood with strength, integrity, consistency, and a deep dedication to its people; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Charlie Struble-Mook, do hereby proclaim **May 8, 2025**, as

**David R. Ruth, Jr. Day** in the City of Deadwood, South Dakota, and call upon all citizens to join in celebrating Dave's professionalism, public service, and enduring commitment to our community as a true statesman.

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Mayor Charlie Struble-Mook