

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, farmers markets are vital community institutions that support local agriculture, promote healthy eating, and bring together residents in a vibrant and inclusive public space; and

WHEREAS, the Deadwood Farmers Market serves as a beloved and essential part of our community, providing fresh, locally-sourced produce, artisanal goods, and handmade crafts to residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Deadwood Farmers Market fosters a strong sense of community, encourages sustainable practices, and contributes to the economic vitality of our city by supporting local farmers, growers, and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Deadwood Farmers Market is due in no small part to the dedication, leadership, and vision of its Co-Chairs, Vicki Dar and Desirae Van Roekel who have worked tirelessly to ensure the market's growth, sustainability, and accessibility to all members of our community; and

WHEREAS, Vicki Dar and Desirae Van Roekel have demonstrated outstanding commitment to the market, coordinating volunteers, collaborating with vendors, and advocating for the market's role as a central hub of community life; and

WHEREAS, their efforts have not only enhanced the quality of life for residents but have also positioned the Deadwood Farmers Market as a model for other communities to follow;

NOW, THEREFORE I, David Ruth, Mayor of the City of Deadwood on behalf of the City Commission and the people of Deadwood do hereby proclaim the summer and fall of 2024 as Deadwood Farmers Market Season for the City of Deadwood and further extend our heartfelt appreciation to Vicki Dar and Desirae Van Roekel for their exemplary service, leadership, and dedication to the Deadwood Farmers Market and the greater Deadwood community.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 3rd day of September, 2024.

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David Ruth Jr., Mayor