

**Proclamation**  
**American Archives Month**  
**October 2024**

**WHEREAS**, we citizens of the City of Deadwood recognize the value of archives – our historical records and the numerous ways they enrich our lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the archivists in Deadwood are dedicated to preserving, protecting and making available historical records; and

**WHEREAS**, archives have a duty to provide public access to their records, and it is the goal of archives to increase public awareness of the role archives play in providing knowledge about the historical and cultural heritage of Deadwood; and

**WHEREAS**, there are numerous county, municipal, university, and private archives in the Black Hills in addition to the South Dakota State Historical Society – State Archives in South Dakota, which cooperate together in the preservation and accessibility of South Dakota’s documentary heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, Deadwood’s archival institutions have a responsibility to collect, organize, preserve, and make available records that document the history of the state of South Dakota for education and appreciation of present and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, history helps us to define our cultural identities and understand our past.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, David Ruth, Jr. Mayor of City of Deadwood, hereby proclaim October 2024 as ARCHIVES MONTH in Deadwood, South Dakota.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of October, 2024.

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David Ruth, Jr.  
Mayor