

Mayoral Proclamation

Deadwood, South Dakota

WHEREAS: The South Dakota Law Enforcement Torch Run is a grass roots fund raising campaign to raise awareness and funds for the Special Olympics South Dakota programs; and

WHEREAS: The Special Olympics program is a year-round athletic competition in which over 2,750 individuals with disabilities from South Dakota compete in various athletic events; and

WHEREAS: In 2023, the Torch Run event and other fund raising activities raised over \$519,983. for Special Olympics South Dakota; and

WHEREAS: The 2024 Law Enforcement Torch Run in Deadwood on May 13th honors the Special Olympics athletes from Deadwood participating in the 2024 State Summer Games at University of South Dakota May 16th – 18th.

WHEREAS: A core group of runners from around the state will finish at the Game's Opening Ceremony in Vermillion, South Dakota on Thursday, May 16th, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dave Ruth Jr. , Mayor of the City of Deadwood , South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 13th thru May 18th, 2024, "Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics South Dakota Week" and urge all of its citizens to observe this week with their time, to make a better tomorrow for our community.

**Law Enforcement Torch Run
for Special Olympics South Dakota Week**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Deadwood, in Deadwood, this 13th day of May 2024.

Dave Ruth Jr., Mayor