

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

So that all shall know I hereby proclaim the following to be true and actual:

WHEREAS, Ronald Ralph Dyvig was born on January 13, 1943 in Los Angeles, California and moved with his family to Deadwood, South Dakota in 1944;

WHEREAS, Ronald attended and graduated from Deadwood School District #2 in 1961 and is a Deadwood High School alumni, Class of 1961;

After graduation Ronald completed undergraduate education in the physical sciences at South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, and Black Hills State College and taught in the Rapid City schools for several years. He later received additional formal training in the field of Astronomy/Optical Sciences at the University of Arizona, Tucson.

WHEREAS, Ronald over the past sixty years has worked as an amateur astronomer and is the owner/partner of the Badlands Observatory located in Quinn, South Dakota. During this time Ronald has operated this facility in collaboration with the professional astronomical community via the Minor Planet Center (MPC). The MPC operates at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory (SAO), under the auspices of the International Astronomical Union (IAU), and NASA. It is the international clearing house for observational data pertaining to asteroid discovery and research.

WHEREAS, Ronald on the night of January 25, 2001 discovered a main belt asteroid approximately one to two miles in diameter between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. It is currently located approximately 332 million miles from the Earth and has an orbital period of 4.38 years around the Sun.

WHEREAS, upon the conformation of this discovery by the MPC, the IAU has officially designated Asteroid (123794) as "Deadwood". This name was suggested by his former DHS 1961 classmates in honor of the beloved community they grew up in during their adolescence;

WHEREAS, Ronald is loved and cherished by his family and classmates;

Now, Therefore, I, Gary Todd, Commission President of the City of Deadwood, do hereby proclaim July 6, 2021 as "*Asteroid (123794) Deadwood Day*" and call upon the people of Deadwood to join me in honoring former Deadwood resident and DHS alumnus Ronald Dyvig in this marvelous discovery;

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Deadwood this 6th day of July, 2021.

Commission President, Gary Todd