

PROCLAMATION

KEONE YOUNG DAY IN DEADWOOD MAY 13, 2023

WHEREAS: Keone Young was born September 6 in Honolulu, Hawaii, and was mentored by actor Mako Iwamatsu, paving the way for more than 50 years of acting and counting.

WHEREAS: Keone began his professional television career in 1969 and film career in 1976, successfully portraying a wide range of characters.

WHEREAS: Keone has been a prolific character actor with a lengthy list of guest appearances on many of the era's top television programs, as well as providing voice-over work on numerous animated programming, including video games.

WHEREAS: Keone is of Japanese and Chinese descent, and a role model for actors of similar descent. He's accepted and succeeded at difficult and sometimes controversial roles.

WHEREAS: Keone continues to be active in the entertainment industry and continues to greet his fans at "Comic Con" conventions around the nation.

WHEREAS: Keone found a new legion of fans after portraying "Mr. Wu" in the Deadwood series and movie on HBO, with his character helping to spawn a new business on Historic Deadwood's Main Street, aptly named "Mr. Wu's."

WHEREAS: Keone continues to support Deadwood and is here with us today at Mr. Wu's.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor David Ruth Jr., do hereby proclaim May 13, 2023 as Keone Young Day in Deadwood, South Dakota.

Mayor Dave Ruth, Jr.