



City of Deadwood Proclamation

Proclaiming June 21, 2026 as

“Kevin Forrester Day”

WHEREAS, Kevin Forrester was heavily involved in the Black Hills Mountain Bike Association, which hosted numerous races in the 1980’s and 1990’s that started on Deadwood’s Historic Main Street and finished at Mt. Roosevelt including the South Dakota State Mountain Bike Race; and

WHEREAS, In the summer months, Kevin could be found volunteering to pioneer trails by simply utilizing his dirt bike leaving minor hand trimming to mark a route; and,

WHEREAS, During the winter months, Kevin’s tracks could be found in the snow around Deadwood in the form of backcountry ski routes he identified in the summer months while dirt biking, hiking, and mountain biking; and,

WHEREAS, Kevin was involved in other competitive outdoor events in Deadwood and the Black Hills including winning the State Mountain bike championship race held in Deadwood in 1990; and,

WHEREAS, Later in life, Kevin formed a company dedicated to building lasting trails known as K4 Trails which consulted with the City of Deadwood and the Northern Hills Recreation Association on the Homestake trail that connects Deadwood and Lead including constructing the re-route on McGovern Hill; and,

WHEREAS, Kevin worked diligently to assist the City of Deadwood and the Trail Committee to develop a master plan for an urban and multi-use trail system in and around the Deadwood area including the construction of the J.T. Fuller Trail, the Presidential Trail and portions of the White Rocks Trail; and

WHEREAS, Kevin continued to volunteer to groom local trails for fat-tire biking and snowshoeing as well as sharing his expertise and inspiring others to establish new and improved trails; and

WHEREAS, Kevin’s life and services have left a lasting impact on the City of Deadwood as well as the City of Sturgis where he served as a member of City Council and Mayor.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Charlie Struble-Mook**, Mayor of the City of Deadwood, do hereby proclaim **June 21, 2026**, as “**Kevin Forrester Day**” in Deadwood, South Dakota, and encourage all residents to reflect on his legacy of service, honor his contributions to our city and explore the Deadwood Trail System which he was a huge part of developing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Deadwood to be affixed this 15th day of June, 2026.

Charlie Struble-Mook, Mayor