

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Dick Richard Hermann of St. Onge was born on March 21, 1948, and was the fourth child born on the family farm near Lesterville, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Dick enlisted in the United States Navy in 1966. He was given an assignment as a gunner's mate. He received a Purple Heart for a shrapnel wound and also a heavy combat fire that cost Dick the loss of all his fellow crewman. Richard received the Bronze Star which is the 4th ranking award for meritorious valor in the line of combat. Dick retired from the Navy National Guard with the rank of E-6 Gunners Mate 1st class, having served 24 years of service to the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Dick enjoyed the country life, was a Saddle Bronc rider and was loved by all on the Rodeo circuit. He was a pick-up man at rodeos for many years including our very own Days of '76 rodeo. He participated in many parades with his horse team, was a pilot and flew cargo for various businesses including the State of South Dakota; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Charlie Struble-Mook, do hereby proclaim **July 22, 2026**, as **Dick Hermann Day** in the City of Deadwood, South Dakota, and call upon the people of Deadwood to celebrate the life of a citizen, true friend and outstanding supporter of Historic Deadwood.

Mayor Charlie Struble-Mook