



PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING JULY 2023 FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENNIAL OF PRENTIS PARK

WHEREAS, Charles E. Prentis deeded ten acres of land to the City of Vermillion in 1923 and eight more acres in 1930 to “be developed and perpetually kept up by the City as a public park known as Prentis Park”; and

WHEREAS, Charles E. Prentis paid for landscape architect Charles H. Ramsdell of Minneapolis to create plans for said Prentis Park including “driveways, walks, flower beds, shrubbery, a plan for an outdoor bandstand and theatre, a concrete swimming pool, children’s playgrounds, tennis courts, picnic grounds, parking areas, and everything necessary to make the park an ideal outing place for the old and young”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vermillion purchased two additional acres of land in 1936 increasing the size of Prentis Park to 20 acres; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vermillion has successively elected council members, appointed caretakers, and staffed Parks and Recreation Directors since Prentis Park’s founding to supervise and maintain the park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vermillion has supported the development of recreational facilities, gathering structures, landscaping and other amenities in Prentis Park for organized and spontaneous events, in a place where all persons may engage with nature; and

WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation month; and

WHEREAS, Prentis Park is listed in the National Register of Historic Places;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED we, the governing body of the City of Vermillion, South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July, 2023 as

THE CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENNIAL OF PRENTIS PARK

and encourage the public to participate through both scheduled and spontaneous activities culminating in community events on July 15th and 22nd.

Dated at Vermillion, South Dakota this 3rd day of July, 2023.

FOR THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF VERMILLION, SOUTH DAKOTA

By _____
Jonathon D. Cole, Mayor

ATTEST:

By _____
Katie E. Redden, Finance Officer