

*Whereas* Wyatt Niemann was born on June 11, 2003, in Watertown, South Dakota, and, attended Mellette Elementary School, the Watertown Middle School and Watertown High School; and

*Whereas* Wyatt participated in many school activities such as marching, pep and concert bands, and chorus and enjoyed spending his free time exploring at the Bramble Park Zoo and Joy Ranch, taking classes and attending camps and receiving his equestrian program certification; and

*Whereas* Wyatt joined as a member of his Destination Imagination team, participating in the Global Tournament in Tennessee; and as an athlete participating in the Watertown Area Special Olympics, competing in aquatics, equestrian and bowling, receiving multiple gold medals and first place ribbons; and

*Whereas* Wyatt exemplified all that is good and strong, receiving the Young Hero's Award from the SD National Guard and bringing the community together as part of his Eagle Scout project to help the Beacon Center; and

*Whereas* Wyatt was an Ambassador for Juvenile Huntington's Disease and the Shepherd's Gift and for Make-A-Wish following his trip to the National Aquarium in Baltimore; and, as he lived each day with courage, determination and great kindness; and

*Whereas*, the world would be brighter if we all lived by Wyatt's motto, "Hands in the air like you just don't care," and tackled each day as he did with, "Smiles for miles, loving every living thing."

*Therefore*, I, Mayor Sarah Caren, declare Thursday, November 12, 2020 as Wyatt J. Niemann Day in honor of our hero, and encourage everyone to celebrate his life through random acts of kindness and sharing your own, "Smiles for miles!"



Signed *Sarah Caren*

Date November 11, 2020