

**MAYORAL PROCLAMATION
CITY OF PHILIP, SOUTH DAKOTA
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

WHEREAS, Rickie “Rick” L. Coyle, son of the late Robert and Sharon Coyle, is a lifelong resident of the City of Philip, South Dakota, and a 1973 graduate of Philip High School; and,

WHEREAS, on September 19, 1976, Rick began his employment with the City of Philip under the tutelage of Oscar Keller, as a Street Maintenance Worker; and,

WHEREAS, on September 30, 1978, Rick was united in marriage to Rhonda Rockafellow and have been blessed with one daughter, one stepdaughter, three grandsons and one granddaughter; and,

WHEREAS, on or about January 01, 1979, Rick was promoted by the City to the position of Street Superintendent; and,

WHEREAS, in October of 1985, Rick also took over the duties as Sewer Superintendent, being classified as the Street/Sewer Superintendent; and,

WHEREAS, during Rick’s lifelong career with the City, he has worked with four Mayors, forty-five Council Members, four City Attorneys, one City Administrator, three Public Works Directors, one Street/Sewer Superintendent, twelve Street/Public Works Maintenance Workers, six Finance Officers and two Utility Clerks; and,

WHEREAS, Rick has held several State of South Dakota Certificates including Wastewater Collection and Treatment; Water Distribution; Commercial Applicator’s License; SD Plumbing License; Reasonable Suspicion and OSHA trainings, as well as attending numerous trainings and seminars to maintain his certifications and assist with completing his job duties; and,

WHEREAS, Rick has been recognized over the years--the South Dakota Water and Wastewater Association for his work in the wastewater field which included the Price Reis Award for twenty years of service and Sieger Beis Award for thirty-years of service; the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources for the maintenance of the City’s Water System and Wastewater Treatment Facility; a Mayoral Proclamation for thirty years of service to the City; and as the City of Philip’s Citizen of the Month; and,

WHEREAS, Rick was inducted into the South Dakota Municipal League Hall of Fame in 2016 for his years of service to the City; and,

WHEREAS, Rick has played an important role in the community for much of his adult life as an avid softball player, baseball and softball umpire, bowler; and an all-around sports enthusiast for the Philip Scotties who is well known for busing kids to sporting and other activity events; a past T-ball and softball coach; past Emergency Medical Technician as well as continues to work part-time for Les’ Body Shop; and,

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2021, Rick will retire from the position of Public Works Maintenance I from the City of Philip after dutifully and loyally serving this community and its citizens for over forty-five years; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Philip Mayor, Council, employees and citizens wish to extend their appreciation and gratitude for his dedication and service to us all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, in honor of this momentous occasion, I, Michael Vetter, Mayor of the City of Philip, Haakon County, South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the thirty-first day of December, in the year Two-Thousand and Twenty-One, in the City of Philip, County of Haakon, South Dakota as:

RICKIE “RICK” L. COYLE DAY

Dated this 29th day of December 2021.

SEAL

/s/ Michael Vetter, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Monna Van Lint, Finance Officer

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