

Bismarck

PROCLAMATION

project **HOPE**SM
BISMARCK CANCER CENTER

WHEREAS, cancer is the second most common cause of death in the U.S., exceeded only by heart disease; and

WHEREAS, nearly 1.7 million new cancer cases are expected to be diagnosed in 2017 and 600,920 individuals are expected to die; and

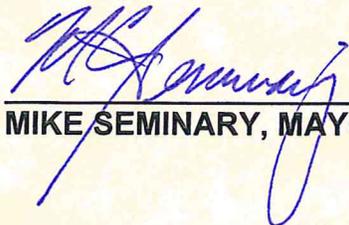
WHEREAS, the ratio of men that will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime is 1 in 2; while in women it is 1 in 3; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Health estimates that the overall costs of cancer in 2013 at \$263.8 billion including direct medical costs as well as the cost of productivity due to illness and premature death; and

WHEREAS, the Bismarck Cancer Center Foundation sponsors project **HOPE**, a community wellness event designed to educate employees about healthy lifestyles, cancer prevention, early detection and to promote hope for a healthier tomorrow.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Seminary, Mayor of the City of Bismarck and this Board of City Commissioners, do hereby declare the week of May 1-5, 2017 as project **HOPE** and encourage employers to impact the quality of lives of their employees by providing education on the importance of cancer prevention and screening.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of this City of Bismarck this 25th day of April, 2017.



MIKE SEMINARY, MAYOR