



Bismarck

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Donna Hardt's roots in Bismarck and North Dakota run deep, as she has served the region and the state for over 40 years, giving back to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Donna has been a thoughtful, hardworking, and dedicated member of the community of Bismarck and the region, being instrumental throughout her career in her actions, tireless works and dedication as a photojournalist, and contributed to the betterment of our community for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, Donna was behind the camera for some of the biggest stories in the region. As a television news photographer, she reported the 2011 Bismarck flood, the 1983 shootout between Gordon Kahl and law enforcement officers near Medina, North Dakota, a marijuana bust in South Dakota, the Dakota Access Pipeline protests of 2016, and Presidential visits that included, Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush Sr., Barack Obama and Donald Trump; and

**WHEREAS**, Donna leaves a lasting legacy of service and tireless devotion to the people of Bismarck, those she's met, worked beside and photographed; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, I, Steve Bakken, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby declare the City's recognition of Donna Hardt for her years of service to the community and the region, extending our sincere thanks and best wishes to her in retirement, and do hereby proclaim January 10, 2020, **DONNA HARDT DAY**, in the City of Bismarck and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

Signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.



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Steve Bakken, Mayor  
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners