

Bismarck

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, First Nations Day recognizes Bismarck and the surrounding community's indigenous peoples and their unique role in shaping the history and culture of our city, as well as the history and culture of this nation; and

Whereas, the American Indian people continue to play a vital and integral role in shaping the future of our city, state and nation by making important and distinctive contributions to our culture and society; and

Whereas, American Indian people, tribal governments, colleges and businesses play a critical role in strengthening their communities and growing Bismarck's economy; and

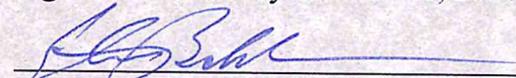
Whereas, the City of Bismarck affirms the work of the North Dakota Tribal and State Relations Committee and is continuing to develop and strengthen city and tribal partnerships; and

Whereas, on First Nations Day and throughout Native American Heritage Month, we reflect on the significance of the U.S. Constitution and all it represents - justice, equality and the preservation of liberty for all Americans; and

Whereas, citizens of Bismarck are encouraged to commemorate the long-standing, cooperative relationships formed among tribal nations and the City of Bismarck and to support the continued fostering of these important partnerships as we work toward a shared future of growth and success.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, I, Steve Bakken, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2020, **FIRST NATIONS DAY**, and November 2020, **NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH** in the City of Bismarck.

Signed this 13th day of October, 2020.



Steve Bakken, Mayor
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners

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WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Steve Bakken, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission do hereby proclaim September 23, 2020, as Arbor Day, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Signed this Twenty-Second day of September, 2020.



Mayor
Board of City Commissioners
City of Bismarck, ND

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WHEREAS, Steve Thomas' roots in Bismarck and North Dakota run deep, as he has served the region and the state for more than 50 years, giving back to the community; and

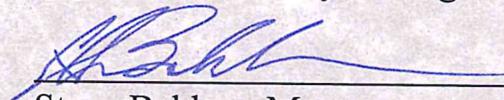
WHEREAS, Steve has been a thoughtful, hardworking, and dedicated member of the community of Bismarck and the region, being instrumental throughout his career in his actions, tireless works and dedication as a sports writer, and contributed to the betterment of our community for many years; and

WHEREAS, Steve has worked on some of the biggest sports stories in the region. As a sports reporter, he has covered all sports in the area, but is considered the authority on wrestling statewide. In 2012, Steve was recognized as N.D. Sportswriter of the year and an Inductee for the N.D. American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame. He has showcased some of the most talented athletes in the community and left a lasting affect on his readers with his writing.

WHEREAS, Steve leaves behind a legacy of service to the people of Bismarck, those he's met, worked beside and reported on; 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 Steve Thomas for his years of service to the community and the region, extending our sincere thanks and best wishes to him in retirement, and do hereby proclaim August 13, 2020, **STEVE THOMAS DAY**, in the City of Bismarck and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

Signed this 12th day of August, 2020.



Steve Bakken, Mayor
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners



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WHEREAS, The National Trust for Historic Preservation established May as Historic Preservation Month in 1973, as a way to promote historic places for the purpose of instilling nation and community pride, promoting heritage tourism, and showing the social and economic benefits of historic preservation; and

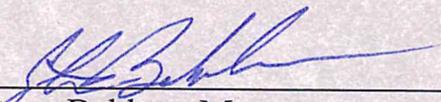
WHEREAS, Historic Preservation Month can instill awareness of the local historically significant buildings and landmarks to the residents of Bismarck and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Steve Bakken, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2020 as, **NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH**, in the City of Bismarck and encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 26th day of May 2020.



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WHEREAS, the courageous men and women of the law enforcement provide a vital public service in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of our citizens; and

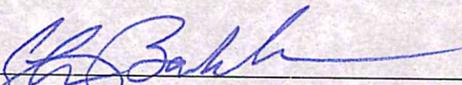
WHEREAS, Bismarck law enforcement officers and personnel wear the uniform and badge with pride and are dedicated to protecting our families, homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Bismarck are encouraged to recognize law enforcement professionals, past and present, for their dedicated service to our communities, and their faithful devotion to their duty to serve and protect, and to put their lives on the line for our safety; and

WHEREAS, throughout this week, and especially on Peace Officers Memorial Day, we honor the memory of those heroes who have fallen in the line of duty, and recognize all those who put themselves at risk every day in the fight against crime, violence and terrorism.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Mayor of the City of Bismarck, I do hereby proclaim May 10 – 16, 2020, as Law Enforcement Memorial Week.

Signed this 12th day of May 2020.



Steve Bakken, Mayor
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners

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WHEREAS, Public Works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of the city of Bismarck; and

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in Bismarck to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the year 2020 marks the 60th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association, be it now,

RESOLVED, I, Steve Bakken, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, do hereby designate the week May 17 – 23, 2020 as National Public Works Week; I urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Bismarck, North Dakota this 12th day of May, 2020.

Signed this 12th day of May 2020.



Steve Bakken, Mayor,
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners

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WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that require law enforcement, fire, or emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who call the Central Dakota Communications Center; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Communications Specialists are the first, first responders, delivering essential prearrival instructions, and providing the most critical link that our citizens have with emergency services; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Communications Specialists are the single vital link for our law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Communications Specialists of the Central Dakota Communications Center have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, each Communications Specialist has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their duties in the past year; and

WHEREAS, the Central Dakota Communications Center Board of Directors has declared April 12th – 18th, 2020 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week to honor the men and women of the Central Dakota Communications Center who dedicate themselves to helping keep our communities and our citizens safe;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Steve Bakken, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby join the Central Dakota Communications Center Board of Directors and declare April 12th – 18th, 2020 as **NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK** in the City of Bismarck.

Signed this 14th day of April 2020.



Steve Bakken, Mayor
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners

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WHEREAS Colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the U.S. among men and women combined but there is currently no cure; and

WHEREAS one in twenty-two men and one in twenty-four women will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS there are now more than one million survivors of colorectal cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS approximately 33% of eligible North Dakotans 50 to 75 years of age and older are not up to date with colorectal cancer screening; and

WHEREAS an estimated 384 North Dakotans are diagnosed with colorectal cancer each year and 130 will die from this disease;

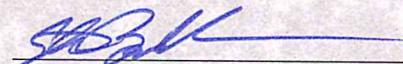
WHEREAS if the majority of people in the United States age 50 or older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, half of all cases could be prevented entirely;

WHEREAS it is critical that all people, of all ages, know the signs and symptoms of the disease; and;

WHEREAS observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March would provide a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Steve Bakken, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2020 as **COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in the City of Bismarck.

Signed this 10th day of March 2020.



Steve Bakken, Mayor
Board of City Commissioners

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WHEREAS, April 11, 2020 marks the 52nd anniversary of the passage of the U.S. Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, which enunciated a national policy of Fair Housing without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, or disabilities and encourages fair housing opportunities for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, April is traditionally designated as Fair Housing Month by the President of the United States and by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

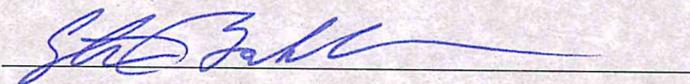
WHEREAS, High Plains Fair Housing Center, is engaged in passionately pursuing its mission to eliminate housing discrimination in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, High Plains Fair Housing Center is committed to continuing to address housing discrimination in our community; and

WHEREAS the City of Bismarck supports a concerted effort toward the elimination of discrimination in housing so that all citizens have the opportunity to live in decent, safe and affordable housing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Steve Bakken, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2020 as **FAIR HOUSING MONTH** in the City of Bismarck and urge all citizens to understand and exercise their right to equal housing opportunity.

Signed this 24th day of March 2020.



Steve Bakken, Mayor
Board of City Commissioners



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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The City of Bismarck has made a commitment to developing a healthy, vibrant community through fiscally responsible planning and attracting the talent needed to support our growing economy; and

WHEREAS, this development has included actively working to enhance the quality of life for residents through new and diverse projects and enhanced walkability; and

WHEREAS, innovative partnerships and planning have led to more efficient development and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bismarck is committed to increasing the amount of community programming to expand resident and visitor experiences to increase vibrancy in the community; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Steve Bakken, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby proclaim, that the City of Bismarck shall join the Governor's Main Street ND initiative and be known as a **MAIN STREET ND COMMUNITY**.

Let this proclamation support the continued success and efforts of our council, staff, businesses, and residents in creating a vibrant, engaged community.

Signed this 24th day of March 2020.



Steve Bakken, Mayor

Bismarck Board of City Commissioners



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WHEREAS, The Bismarck Rotary Club was chartered on March 24, 1920, as part of the world's first non-profit service organization, Rotary International; and

WHEREAS, The Rotary motto "Service above Self" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards, and promotes goodwill and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, The Bismarck Rotary Club is comprised of professional business men and women; committed to the worldwide eradication of Polio. An alarming 350,000 cases of polio worldwide in 1988 have been reduced to less than 100 today; and

WHEREAS, The Bismarck Rotary Club funds local club projects and sponsors volunteers in serving others in our community such as the Salvation Army, 4-H Club, and Bismarck Rotary Club Wrestling Tournament; and

WHEREAS, The Bismarck Rotary Club, in partnership with Bismarck Parks and Recreation District and the Bismarck Forestry Department, developed the Bismarck Rotary Arboretum located inside the Tom O'Leary Golf Course, providing a beautiful gathering space for the community; and

WHEREAS, The Bismarck Rotary Club promotes education in our community by providing college scholarships, supporting the annual 4-Way Test Essay Contest, and reading at Dorothy Moses Elementary School; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Bismarck recognizes and honors the thousands of local Bismarck Rotary Club service projects benefiting the community of Bismarck over the past 100 years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Steve Bakken, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby proclaim March 2020, **THE MONTH OF BISMARCK ROTARY CLUB, "A CENTURY OF SERVICE"** in the City of Bismarck.

Signed this 10th day of March 2020.



Steve Bakken, Mayor
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners

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WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, elementary, middle and high school students across the country are organizing Take Down Tobacco: National Day of Action events to educate the public about the dangers of youth tobacco use and the importance of smoke-free laws,

WHEREAS, tobacco use, including the use of e-cigarettes, cigars and smokeless tobacco, is the foremost preventable causes of death in the United States,

WHEREAS, there is no safe level of secondhand smoke exposure,

WHEREAS, in 2012 North Dakota enacted a comprehensive statewide law prohibiting smoking, including the use of e-cigarettes, cigars and other similar substances in enclosed public places. This law is supported by over 80% of North Dakotans,

WHEREAS, Take Down Tobacco: National Day of Action is an annual national initiative sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids that makes middle and high school student leaders in the fight against youth tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, students from the Break Free Youth Movement in Bismarck advocate for their peers and future generations to live a lifetime free of nicotine addiction and to ensure Bismarck is a healthy city to grow up in.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Steve Bakken, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby proclaim March 18, 2020, **TAKE DOWN TOBACCO: NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION** in the City of Bismarck.

Signed this 10th day of March 2020.



Steve Bakken, Mayor
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners

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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 8th day of January, 2020.



Steve Bakken, Mayor
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners