

*Bismarck*

## PROCLAMATION

**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 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.



Steve Bakken, Mayor

Bismarck Board of City Commissioners