



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Bismarck is located in the ancestral homeland of people who inhabited this area long before Europeans arrived, including the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara tribes who thrived by farming fertile soils, hunting abundant wildlife, and traveling and trading along the great Missouri River, and the Lakota, whose nomadic lifestyle followed the great buffalo herds who roamed this area for centuries; and

WHEREAS, On May 14, 1872, a townsite was staked and christened Edwinton by Hon. Thomas H. Canfield after the Northern Pacific Railroad had reached the Missouri River; and

WHEREAS, In an attempt by officials with the Northern Pacific Railroad to attract German immigrants, the town was renamed Bismarck, in honor of the Iron Chancellor Otto Von Bismarck of Germany; and

WHEREAS, The town quickly flourished and was selected as the relocated capital of Dakota Territory in 1883 and later the capital city for the great State of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Over the ensuing 150 years, Bismarck and its residents have survived harsh winters, fire, floods, economic boom, and bust and thrived through active citizenry and lively discourse; and

WHEREAS, Bismarck continues to grow and be a place that proudly celebrates our rich history and past accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Bismarck citizens, organizations, businesses, and local government take pride in their community, which creates a great place to live and visit in the 21st century.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Steve Bakken, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby proclaim the year 2022 to be a celebration of Bismarck's Sesquicentennial. I urge all citizens, organizations, businesses, and local government to find and create ways to celebrate this significant time with ceremonial activities and an interest in learning about our past.

Signed this 14th day of December 2021.

Steve Bakken, Mayor
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners