



# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Make-A-Wish was founded by family and friends of seven-year-old Chris Greicius, who got his wish to be a police officer on April 29, 1980; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization now known as Make-A-Wish has since granted more than 500,000 wishes worldwide, operating in every community in the United States and nearly 50 countries worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, four forward-thinking and generous North Dakotans brought the mission of creating life-changing wishes for children ages 2 ½ to 18 years old with critical illnesses to our state in 1985; and

**WHEREAS**, Make-A-Wish North Dakota has granted more than 1,000 wishes in our state over the last 38 years, delivering hope and joy back into the lives of children with critical illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, when a wish is granted, a child replaces fear with confidence, anxiety with hope and sadness with joy; and

**WHEREAS**, research has shown that wishes can improve a child's quality of life and produce better health outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, Make-A-Wish depends on referrals, local volunteers, and donors to realize its vision of reaching every eligible child to make their wishes come true.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Mike Schmitz, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2023, as **WORLD WISH DAY** in the City of Bismarck.

Signed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023

Mike Schmitz, Mayor  
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners