



Bismarck

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Papa's Pumpkin Patch, a local family- and pet-friendly seasonal destination founded in 1983 as a greenhouse welcoming schoolchildren, celebrates its 40th anniversary as a fall tradition in the Bismarck community and;

WHEREAS, This year's Papa's Pumpkin Patch 2023 season will begin on Sunday, September 10, and conclude on Saturday, October 21; and

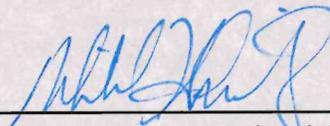
WHEREAS, Papa's Pumpkin Patch has grown to attract tens of thousands of visitors annually from throughout the state and region, positively impacting the local tourism economy with nearly 1 million visitors since its founding; and

WHEREAS, Papa's Pumpkin Patch has donated well over \$1 million to about 60 local charitable organizations and causes throughout its history; and

WHEREAS, The destination is regularly recognized as one of the top pumpkin patches in the United States for its seasonal fun and produce.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Michael Schmitz, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby proclaim September 14, 2023, as **PAPA'S PUMPKIN PATCH DAY** in the City of Bismarck. I urge all citizens to find a way to become involved with the legacy of this organization, either through visiting it this fall or volunteering your time to help ensure the enjoyment of others.

Signed this 12th day of September 2023.



Michael Schmitz, Mayor
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners