



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the goals of Giving Hearts Day are to raise awareness for the charitable non-profit sector and its organizations in North Dakota and northwest Minnesota to promote online giving, volunteerism, and the donation of goods, as well as provide donors with the opportunity to multiply the results of their giving; and

WHEREAS, Giving Hearts Day is a powerful example of the private sector assisting charitable, non-profit organizations that offer vital services that improve the quality of life for many members of our community; and

WHEREAS, the charitable, non-profit sector supports individuals and families with quality programs, materials, and funds that promote, encourage, and sustain independence and self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, to provide these benefits, charities need ongoing funds, volunteers, and goods to continue providing long-term, quality, sustainable services to our citizens in need; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Michael Schmitz, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this City Commission, do hereby proclaim February 8, 2024, as **GIVING HEARTS DAY** in Bismarck. I urge all citizens to observe and recognize this event and participate in this day with appropriate activities and programs; recognize charitable non-profits, their staff, and volunteers who provide essential services to our community.

Signed this 2nd day of February 2024.

Michael Schmitz, Mayor
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners