



# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Tom Stromme dedicated 37 years of his career to photojournalism, capturing the people, events, and landscapes of Bismarck and North Dakota through his work with The Bismarck Tribune; and

**WHEREAS**, Tom's photographs have captured some of the most pivotal moments in the City and State's history, including the 1989 State Centennial, the 2008 Memorial Bridge replacement, the 2011 Missouri River flood, political events, visits from key leaders, sports events, and countless community stories, preserving these moments for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, his keen eye for storytelling through images has earned him the respect of colleagues, public officials, and the community, providing an authentic visual record of life in North Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, Tom mentored and inspired a new generation of journalists and photographers, sharing his knowledge and dedication to high journalistic standards; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years, Tom has been a voice for the people through his photography, chronicling the triumphs and challenges of Bismarck and the surrounding region with integrity and professionalism.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Mike Schmitz, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby proclaim March 29th as **TOM STROMME DAY**, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Tom and recognize his lasting impact on journalism, storytelling, and the documentation of North Dakota's history.

Signed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

Mike Schmitz, Mayor  
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners