



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week* was started in 2010 by scientists at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) to stimulate educational events in communities to learn what science has taught us about drug use and addiction; and

WHEREAS, observing *National Drugs & Facts Alcohol Week* may inspire dialogue among youth and adults about the science of alcohol and other drug use, how it affects the brain and body, and how it may lead to addiction; and

WHEREAS, underage substance use challenges are becoming common worldwide, nationally, and right here in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Youth Risk Behavioral Survey results for Bismarck/Mandan indicated 30% of North Dakota students drank alcohol in the last 30 days; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Youth Risk Behavioral Survey results for Bismarck/Mandan indicated 13% of Bismarck/Mandan students used marijuana in the last 30 days; and

WHEREAS, students from the Burleigh Morton Behavioral Health Coalition Student Committee advocate for the observance of *National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week* and encourage peers and future generations to live a lifetime free of underage drinking and marijuana use and to ensure Bismarck is a healthy city to grow up in.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Michael Schmitz, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this City Commission, do hereby proclaim March 20th-26th, 2024, *National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week* in the City of Bismarck.

Signed this 12th day of March 2024.

Michael Schmitz, Mayor
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners