



# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, one of the greatest freedoms enjoyed by Americans is the freedom to live in a home of one's choice; and

**WHEREAS**, this promise made to us by the Fair Housing Act of 1968 which requires that all people be treated equally in connection with the sale or rental of housing regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, familial status, or relation and in North Dakota receipt of public assistance, marital status, and age; and

**WHEREAS**, this year marks the 56th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act of 1968, the original legislation targeting the elimination of housing discrimination in American and promoting residential integration; and

**WHEREAS**, April has been designated Fair Housing Month since the adoption of fair housing legislation in April 1968 and is the time each year when the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, High Plains Fair Housing Center, and other groups organize events and activities to focus attention on the issue of equal opportunity in housing; and

**WHEREAS**, each resident of the City of Bismarck, North Dakota, is urged to support efforts to put into practice the principles of freedom, justice, and equality upon which this great nation was founded during the nationwide observance of Fair Housing Month.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Mike Schmitz, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024 as **FAIR HOUSING MONTH** in the City of Bismarck and urge all citizens to honor and abide by the letter and the spirit of the Fair Housing Law.

Signed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

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Mike Schmitz, Mayor  
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners