



PROCLAMATION

Bismarck Proclaims March 22 Small Business Development Center Day

WHEREAS, the United States Congress created the federal Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) program to provide training and technical assistance for entrepreneurs and small business across the United States via 63 federal SBDC networks that provide nearly 1,000 local or regional service centers; and

WHEREAS, the Congress authorized creation of the American’s Small Business Development Centers national association (ASBDC) to help represent the federal SBDC networks in cooperation with the U. S. Small Business Administration and ASBDC has created March 22, 2017 as national SBDCs Day; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Small Business Development Centers (ND SBDC) is a partnership between the federal government (U. S. Small Business Administration), State of North Dakota (Commerce Department) and North Dakota University System (University of North Dakota) that provides training and technical assistance to entrepreneurs and small businesses across our great state from 10 service centers located in Bismarck, Bowman, Devils Lake, Dickinson, Fargo, Grand Forks, Jamestown, Minot, Wahpeton and Williston, serving all 53 counties in and clients from all 53 counties of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, SBDC’s are the most comprehensive small business assistance network in the nation and provide free client business advising and low-cost training on important small business topics such as business planning and logistics, capital acquisition, marketing, regulatory compliance and technology; and

WHEREAS, SBDC clients open, manage and grow their businesses, provide job creation and employment, offer goods and services to clients, pay taxes and contribute to their communities; and

WHEREAS, THE North Dakota Small Business Development Centers helped their clients to produce the following impacts during the last calendar year and the past two state biennia;

January – December 2016

1,013 unique individual clients
5,410 hours of free consultation assistance
94 helped create these new businesses in our state
472 jobs created or retained
\$41,433,981 capital formation/infusion in our state

July 2012- June 2016

3,381 unique individual clients
30,278 hours of free consultation assistance
472 helped create these new businesses in our state
3,469 jobs created or retained
\$370,718,121 capital formation/infusion in our state

NOW, THEREFORE, as Mayor of the City of Bismarck, and this City Commission, I do hereby proclaim March 22, 2017 as SBDCs Day in the City of Bismarck.


Mike Seminary, Mayor