



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, children are vital to our city's future success, prosperity and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable assets; and

**WHEREAS**, awareness of child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Families Flourish ND (PCAND) was founded in 1978 as a 501(c)3 and chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America and is dedicated to strengthening families and preventing child abuse and neglect, particularly in North Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, Wear Blue Day (April 1, 2025) is a nation-wide event to create awareness and prevention advocacy throughout our community, state and nation. Citizens have worn blue as a symbol of the need to prevent child abuse and neglect. Blue is a nationally recognized color for child abuse prevention; and

**WHEREAS**, during the month of April, activities – such as a Parent Fair – on April 26<sup>th</sup> and beyond – such as new parent educational opportunities – raise awareness of child abuse prevention and empower parents to ensure the success of each next generation; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created between citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Michael Schmitz, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby proclaim April 1, 2025, as **Wear Blue Day** in the City of Bismarck, and the official start of **Child Abuse Prevention Month**. I urge all citizens, elected officials, staff, volunteers, faith groups, business owners, community partners and friends of the City of Bismarck to participate in any and all efforts to raise awareness for, and support, children.

Signed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

Michael Schmitz, Mayor  
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners