



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the cities of Bismarck and Mandan have long been recognized for their strong sense of community, rich heritage, vibrant culture, and fostering an environment where residents and businesses thrive together; and

WHEREAS, the municipal government for the City of Bismarck and City of Mandan, are important components to this growth, providing critical services each day and ensuring the Capital Metro flourishes with new residents, businesses, and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the importance of welcoming people to our communities is recognized as important aspects of strengthening our workforce, expanding the local economy and tax base, increasing the pool of volunteers and contributing vitality to our communities.

WHEREAS, the foundation of a welcoming and inclusive community begins with a simple gesture: saying "hello," which serves as the first step in building meaningful connections, fostering a sense of belonging, and strengthening social fabric; and

WHEREAS, participating in the "**Where Home Means More Than Hello**" initiative seeks to create opportunities to welcome new residents by engaging residents and business owners to take an extra step to integrate them into the fabric of our community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Michael Schmitz, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby proclaim May 2025, as **WELCOME MONTH** in Bismarck-Mandan. I urge all citizens of our community to learn more about how they can contribute to a more welcoming community, take action to join this effort, and let every individual who arrives in our community know they are truly home.

Signed this eighth day of April 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Schmitz", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael Schmitz, Mayor
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners