



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Throughout the history of America we have poured out prayers to the God of hope; in times of crisis and celebration, in prosperity and need, in times of war and peace we have poured out praise to God for all He is, thanks to God for all He has done, confession and pleas for forgiveness when we have parted from His Word and will, and poured out intercession asking for His heart and hand to move for the sake of our neighbors and nation, and our history is filled with His grace, goodness, and abundant answers to our prayers; and

WHEREAS, From the first prayer of our Continental Congress in 1774, to the opening of every session of the House of Representatives and Senate, and throughout hearts and homes across America, the practice of prayer continues to seek God for guidance, wisdom, power, protection, and provision that has preserved hope and united us as one nation under God; and

WHEREAS, The National Day of Prayer is a Public Law established in the United States Congress in 1952 approved by a Joint Resolution and amended by Congress and President Reagan with Public Law 100-307 in 1988, affirming that it is essential for us as a nation to pray and directs the President of the United States to set aside and proclaim the first Thursday of May annually as a National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, In our city and across America the observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2025, with the theme, "Pour Out to the God of Hope and Be Filled" based on the verse in Romans 15:13 that is a prayer and a promise, "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Michael Schmitz, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2025, as a **DAY OF PRAYER** throughout our City. I commend this observance to our citizens and request prayers be poured out for our City, for our neighbors as we live, serve, work, and learn together that we may be filled with joy and peace and abound in hope.

Signed this 22nd day of April 2025.

Michael Schmitz, Mayor
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners