



## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS*, diverse communities and groups make up the population of Bismarck; and

*WHEREAS*, in a world of many cultures, beliefs, and loyalties, it is crucial to embrace those things that unite and bring us together; and

*WHEREAS*, the City recognizes the unique status and cultural diversity of the community and the right to self-determination; and

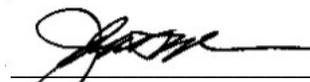
*WHEREAS*, the City of Bismarck values the contributions made by all of the people of Bismarck and believes that the diversity among its residents has strengthened Bismarck; and

*WHEREAS*, appreciation and respect for diversity among Bismarck residents creates a climate of understanding which places the people of our City in the forefront of efforts to ensure that everyone has the right to live in conditions of peace, dignity, respect, safety and harmony, and to be able to participate fully in the social, recreational, cultural and political life of the City.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, John Warford, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, do hereby PROCLAIM **October 4, 2012**, as

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*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of this City of Bismarck this 25th day of September, 2012.

  
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John Warford, Mayor