

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bismarck is committed to raising awareness of myeloma; and

**WHEREAS**, Myeloma, also called multiple myeloma, is an incurable cancer of cells in the bone marrow that affects blood cell production and can lead to anemia, infections, and many other issues; and

**WHEREAS**, Myeloma currently affects more than 100,000 people in the United States, with an estimated 20,000 new cases diagnosed each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Myeloma is increasing in numbers and is becoming more common in younger patients, with possible links to environmental toxins; and

**WHEREAS**, the International Myeloma Foundation support group is a place where people with myeloma and their families can learn about the newest treatments available and gain support and education from those who have been living with the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the International Myeloma Foundation is celebrating its 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary and reaches more than 240,000 members in 120 countries worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, they are a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of myeloma patients and their families, while focusing on four key areas, which are research, education, support and advocacy;

**THEREFORE**, I John Warford, Mayor of Bismarck, do hereby proclaim March 2014 as



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of this City of Bismarck this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

  
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JOHN WARFORD, MAYOR