



# Bismarck



## Resolution

### Resolution in Support of Bismarck's Military and Veteran Caregivers

WHEREAS, the series of wars in which our nation has been engaged over time, since World War II, has resulted in 5.5 million military and veteran caregivers who are parents, spouses, siblings and friends, caring for those wounded, ill or injured who have served our nation, as documented by the 2014 Rand study commissioned by the Elizabeth Dole Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the daily tasks of these military and veterans caregivers can include bathing, feeding, dressing, and caring for the grievous injuries of wounded warriors, administering medications, providing emotional support, caring for the family and the home, and working outside the home to earn essential income; and

WHEREAS, the nation provides multi-faceted support to our wounded, ill and injured veterans and service members through public, private and philanthropic resources, but their caregivers receive little support or acknowledgement; and

WHEREAS, most military and veteran caregivers consider the challenging work they do as simply carrying out their civic and patriotic duty, without realizing they are, in fact, caregivers, and do not identify themselves as such; and

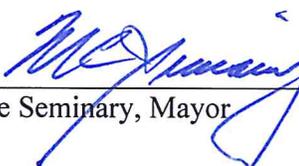
WHEREAS, an alarming number of military and veteran caregivers, according to research, are suffering numerous debilitating mental, physical and emotional effects as a result of their caregiving duties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bismarck desires to recognize and support those who are serving in these vital roles in our own community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Bismarck as follows:

- I. That the City of Bismarck is a military and veteran caregiver supportive city.
- II. That the City of Bismarck supports engaging government, organizations, employers and non-profits in awareness of the unique challenges of military and veteran caregivers and are encouraged to create supportive environments and opportunities for assistance.
- III. That the City of Bismarck encourages all who care for and support veterans and service members to extend that support to their caregivers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Mike Seminary, Mayor of the City of Bismarck and this Board of City Commissioners have hereunto set my hand and seal of this City of Bismarck this 13th day of September, 2016.



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Mike Seminary, Mayor