

Bismarck *City Administration*

WHEREAS, cancer is the second most common cause of death in the U.S., exceeded only by heart disease; and

WHEREAS, each year approximately 3,400 North Dakotans are diagnosed with a new cancer; and

WHEREAS, the top four cancer sites are lung, colorectal, breast, and prostate, and they account for 56% of cancer cases in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the good news is that nearly 70% of people are surviving more than five years, and nationally the number of post-treatment survivors has grown to nearly 12 million, with almost 24,000 cancer survivors living in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, it is the Bismarck Cancer Center's hope to help in the healing of everyone affected by cancer; and the mission of the Bismarck Cancer Center Foundation is to contribute to the care of the "whole" patient and ease the burden and stress of cancer within our community; and

WHEREAS, the Bismarck Cancer Center Foundation sponsors project **HOPE**, a community wellness event designed to educate employees about healthy lifestyles, cancer prevention, early detection and to promote hope for a healthier tomorrow.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Warford, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, do hereby declare the week of April 15-19, 2013 as



and encourage employers to impact the quality of lives of their employees by providing education on the importance of cancer prevention and screening.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of this City of Bismarck this 12th day of March, 2013.



JOHN WARFORD, MAYOR