



Bismarck

PROCLAMATION

A Season for Nonviolence

WHEREAS, violence prevention and conflict resolution programs in schools and communities throughout the nation and world are positively affecting our families and our neighborhoods one day at a time, and

WHEREAS, every person can move the world in the direction of peace through their daily non-violent choice and action, and

WHEREAS, an awareness of non-violent principles and practices is a powerful way to heal, transform, and empower our lives and communities, to recognize the dignity of every human being, and to promote peace and harmony among all people, and

WHEREAS, the Bismarck Human Relations Committee seeks to make education a meaningful and visible strategy to recognize the value of a diverse community and to promote acceptance and respect for diversity through educational programs and activities to discourage all forms of discrimination, and

WHEREAS, the principle and practices of nonviolence work epitomized by the lives and work of two international leaders, Mahatmas K. Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and

WHEREAS, January 30, 2017, marks the 69th anniversary of the assassination in India of Mahatma Gandhi and April 4, 2017, marks the 49th anniversary of the assassination in America of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mike Seminary, Mayor of Bismarck, North Dakota, proclaim March 22 - April 4, 2017, as A Season for Nonviolence, and encourage all citizens to participate in local, national, and global education and community action campaigns to honor those who are using nonviolence to build communities that respect the dignity and worth of every human being, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that citizens of Bismarck, the capitol city of North Dakota, have a great opportunity to focus the hearts and minds of our citizens on nonviolence in recognition and celebration of A Season for Nonviolence.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Mayor of the City of Bismarck, and this City Commission, I do hereby proclaim March 22 – April 4, 2017 as A Season for Nonviolence in the City of Bismarck.



Mike Seminary, Mayor