



# Bismarck

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, elementary, middle and high school students across the country are organizing Take Down Tobacco: National Day of Action events to educate the public about the dangers of youth tobacco use and the importance of smoke-free laws,

**WHEREAS**, tobacco use, including the use of e-cigarettes, cigars and smokeless tobacco, is the foremost preventable causes of death in the United States,

**WHEREAS**, there is no safe level of secondhand smoke exposure,


**WHEREAS**, in 2012 North Dakota enacted a comprehensive statewide law prohibiting smoking, including the use of e-cigarettes, cigars and other similar substances in enclosed public places. This law is supported by over 80% of North Dakotans,

**WHEREAS**, Take Down Tobacco: National Day of Action is an annual national initiative sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids that makes middle and high school student leaders in the fight against youth tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke; and

**WHEREAS**, students from the Break Free Youth Movement in Bismarck advocate for their peers and future generations to live a lifetime free of nicotine addiction and to ensure Bismarck is a healthy city to grow up in.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, I, Steve Bakken, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby proclaim March 18, 2020, **TAKE DOWN TOBACCO: NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION** in the City of Bismarck.

Signed this 10th day of March 2020.



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Steve Bakken, Mayor  
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners