

Bismarck

City Administration



**CITY OF
MANDAN**

"WHERE THE WEST BEGINS"

WHEREAS, each night, there are homeless North Dakotans in need of shelter and services, and there are a greater number of hidden homeless who have not sought out or received assistance through existing agencies; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, America has been protected by patriots who cherished liberty, made great sacrifices to advance the cause of freedom, and those brave members, past and present, of the United States Armed Forces have answered the call to serve our nation, ready to give all for their country, but make up 1/3 of all homeless; and

WHEREAS, these homeless individuals, families, and veterans lack fixed, regular, and adequate residence; live in a shelter, transitional living facility or a place not designated for living accommodations; or are at risk of being displaced from their residence; and

WHEREAS, Project Homeless Connect, Central Dakota Veterans Stand Down, and service providers throughout the state are working together to provide homeless and near homeless civilians and veterans with affordable housing, medical care, food, transportation, services, benefits, education, and job skills development; and

WHEREAS, the citizens and agencies of North Dakota, including schools, churches, and governments, are encouraged to help address homelessness and near homelessness, and become involved in community programs that provide solutions in meeting the physical, social, economic, and educational needs of those in need; and

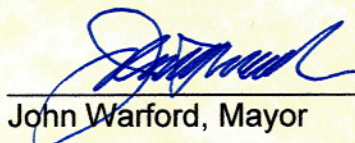
NOW, THEREFORE, John Warford, Mayor of the City of Bismarck and Tim Helbling, Mayor of Mandan do hereby *PROCLAIM* September 1-4, 2009, as

PROCLAMATION

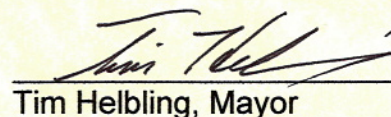
HOMELESS AND NEAR HOMELESS AWARENESS WEEK

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John Warford, Mayor



Tim Helbling, Mayor