



## PROCLAMATION

### HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 16-22, 2025

**WHEREAS,** for nearly 30 years the National Coalition for the Homeless and National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness have sponsored National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week; and

**WHEREAS,** Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week is held each year the week before Thanksgiving, serving as an important reminder that for many children, families, seniors, and veterans experience a lack of food or a safe, stable place to call home; and

**WHEREAS,** in the United States there are over 37.2 million people live below the poverty level, with 771,480 people found to be experiencing homelessness in 2024, marking a 18.1% increase from the previous year. In 2024, North Dakota had nearly 160,000 people living below the poverty level, with an estimated 865 people experiencing homelessness in 2024; and

**WHEREAS,** we recognize that food insecurity and homelessness continue to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in the City of Grand Forks, ND; and;

**WHEREAS,** there are many local Grand Forks organizations that provide anti-poverty services to the community, to include food, shelter, and supportive services; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Brandon Bochenski, Mayor of Grand Forks, North Dakota hereby proclaim the week of November 16-22, 2025, as Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. I encourage all citizens to not only recognize that many people do not have housing and need food support, but to volunteer and connect with a local nonprofit in our community. Take time during this week to volunteer, donate, or educate.

Brandon Bochenski  
Mayor of Grand Forks