

## **PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, This country was founded on the principle that voluntary adherence to the rule of law expands, rather than limits, the opportunities for freedom; and*

*WHEREAS, A viable democracy requires understanding of the nature and basis of our freedoms and recognition of the individual responsibilities which those freedoms impose; and*

*WHEREAS, The Law Day 2017 theme of "The Fourteenth Amendment: Transforming American Democracy" provides the opportunity to explore the many ways that the Fourteenth Amendment has reshaped American law and society. Through its Citizenship, Due Process and Equal Protection clauses, this transformative amendment advanced the rights of all Americans. It also played a pivotal role in extending the reach of the Bill of Rights to the states. Ratified during Reconstruction a century and a half ago, the Fourteenth Amendment serves as the cornerstone of landmark civil rights legislation, the foundation for numerous federal court decisions protecting fundamental rights, and a source of inspiration for all those who advocate for equal justice under law.*

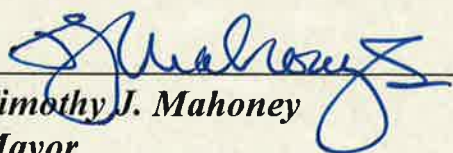
*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That I, Timothy J. Mahoney, Mayor of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2017 as*

### **LAW DAY**

*in the City of Fargo and urge the citizens, schools, businesses, legal professionals and media of Fargo to use this occasion to preserve and strengthen the rule of law.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fargo, North Dakota to be affixed this 1st day of May, 2017.*



  
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Timothy J. Mahoney  
Mayor  
Fargo, North Dakota