

## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, Vern Bennett served as Superintendent of Schools in Fargo for 28 years, retiring in 1999; and*

*WHEREAS, Under his leadership, the Fargo School District experienced strong growth including new elementary and junior high schools, new district offices and additions to North and South high schools; and*

*WHEREAS, Vern played a crucial role in launching the Trollwood Performing Arts School in 1978, a program of Fargo Public Schools;*

*WHEREAS, Bennett Elementary School was built in South Fargo and named in his honor and opened in 2000; and*

*WHEREAS, Vern was first elected to the Cass County Commission in 2002 where he continued to serve until the time of his death; and*

*WHEREAS, Vern was recently named a member of the Fargo Dome Authority and was also an alternate member of the Metro Area Diversion Authority Board; and*

*WHEREAS, Vern Bennett passed away on Sunday, September 29, 2019.*


*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That I, Timothy J. Mahoney, Mayor of the City of Fargo, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2019 as*

### **VERN BENNETT DAY**

*in the City of Fargo, North Dakota and call upon his friends and associates to celebrate Vern and his tireless, impactful work for Fargo Public Schools, the City of Fargo, Cass County and the surrounding area and to know that his legacy will be honored and remembered.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fargo, North Dakota to be affixed this 2nd day of October, 2019.*



  
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Timothy J. Mahoney  
Mayor  
Fargo, North Dakota