

## Office of Mayor

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, January 2023 will mark the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of National Mentoring Month, an annual campaign to focus attention on the need for mentors, as well as how each of us can work together to increase the number of mentors to help ensure positive outcomes for our young people; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Bend honors volunteer mentors who support young people by showing up for them every day and demonstrating their commitment to helping them thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, mentoring programs like “Youth Success! Mentoring”, a program of Empower Youth Network, makes our communities and our state stronger by driving impactful relationships that increase social capital for young people and provide invaluable support networks; and

**WHEREAS**, post the COVID-19 pandemic, mentoring programs have stepped up to fill gaps for young people and families, connecting them with resources and ensuring that mentoring relationships continue; and

**WHEREAS**, mentoring plays a pivotal role in career exploration and supports workplace skills by helping young people set career goals, equipping mentors with the skills needed to support the professional growth of young people, and drives positive outcomes for young people and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, quality mentoring promotes healthy relationships and communication, positive self-esteem, emotional well-being, and growth of a young person and their relationships with other adults; and

**WHEREAS**, students who meet regularly with their mentors are more than 52 percent less likely than their peers to skip a day of school and youth who face an opportunity gap but have a mentor are 55 percent more likely to be enrolled in college than those who did not have a mentor; and

**WHEREAS**, youth who meet regularly with their mentors are 46 percent less likely than their peers to start using drugs and 27 percent less likely to start drinking; and

**WHEREAS**, National Mentoring Month is the time of year to celebrate, elevate, and encourage mentoring across our state and recruit caring adult mentors in the City of North Bend;

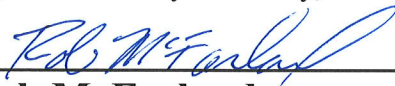
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Rob McFarland, Mayor, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2023, as

## NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

in the City of North Bend and encourage those interested in becoming a youth mentor to contact Empower Youth Network and thank current youth mentors for devoting their time and effort to ensure the success of our youth.



Signed this 1st day of January, 2023

  
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**Rob McFarland**  
**Mayor**