

Proclamation

Mayor Proclaims April 17 as Leif Snyder Appreciation Day

WHEREAS, Leif Aaron Snyder was born in Minot on April 17, 1973, and spent his life as an active member of the Minot community in many ways, including through coaching hockey, his various places of employment, and having a soft spot in his heart for all animals and their protectors; and

WHEREAS, Leif worked diligently to see life and situations through a different lens and with a sense of humor, including encouraging others to challenge themselves to embrace their own unique traits; and

WHEREAS, Leif was a tireless advocate for his fellow North Dakotans, most notably the residents of Minot, and was a willing and supportive voice for those with disabilities, whom he encouraged to pursue their dreams and goals despite any hardships brought on by disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Leif challenged himself and others to stay involved in the Minot community, including holding local government entities accountable, and creating and maintaining relationships with residents and local officials even if they have different viewpoints than yours;

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I, Mark Jantzer, acting Mayor of Minot, North Dakota, hereby proclaim April 17, 2025, as Leif Snyder Appreciation Day, and encourage Minot residents to live life like Leif by not worrying about what other people think of you for doing the right thing, never passing up an opportunity to speak up for yourself, utilizing your time wisely by never taking life for granted, standing strong in your values, never turning away from someone in need, always cherishing life, committing to making life better for others, and loving your community through your actions, your thoughts, your ideas, and your words, or as Leif was fond of saying, “Hear me out.”

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