State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Jack Dalrymple
Governor

PROCLAMATION
HUNGER FREE MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2015

WHEREAS, North Dakota is one of the top producers in the United States of wheat, barley, soy beans and other crops, and has the lowest food hardship rate among the states, yet in 2014, 51,100 North Dakotans sought food assistance from the Great Plains Food Bank and its charitable feeding network partners; and

WHEREAS, hunger affects the health and well-being of individuals of all ages, limits people's abilities to be productive citizens and impairs the learning of children; and

WHEREAS, hunger affects even the least likely of individuals, including adults who are caring for a family member, the children of hard-working parents and seniors living on a fixed income; and

WHEREAS, the Creating a Hunger Free North Dakota Coalition is working to address the unmet needs of people, fill geographical gaps in service delivery, loosen constraints faced by providers and break down barriers people face in accessing the charitable feeding network; and

WHEREAS, food shelves, soup kitchens, the North Dakota food bank, emergency shelters, senior meals programs, children's advocacy groups, businesses, state, local and federal government, legislators, health providers, statewide coalitions, faith-based organizations, concerned youth and dedicated individuals are working to end hunger in North Dakota.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 2015, **HUNGER FREE MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

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