State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

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Governor

PROCLAMATION
CONSTITUTION WEEK
SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2008

WHEREAS, Americans are united by the ideals of equal justice, limited government and the rule of law, and during Constitution Week, we remember the vision and determination of the Framers to build a free society and celebrate the historical document they created to achieve that goal; and

WHEREAS, more than two centuries ago, our Founding Fathers gathered in Philadelphia and produced a charter that would promote justice and preserve the liberty of all our citizens; ours is the oldest written constitution in the world, and the American experiment remains the world's best hope for freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution forged the American creed of liberty and equality and has lifted the lives of countless individuals who share a great tradition of freedom protected by a constitutional government of their choosing; and

WHEREAS, throughout Constitution Week, Americans come together and recognize the blessings bestowed upon our great nation, and celebrate the vision of the Constitution's drafters, as well as the courage of those who have defended the provisions set forth in this fundamental document and those who carry on that important responsibility today; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to commemorate this week by conducting ceremonies and programs that celebrate our Constitution and reaffirming their rights and responsibilities as citizens of this great nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 17-23, 2008, **CONSTITUTION WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

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