State of
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Office of the Governor

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PROCLAMATION
VETERANS AWARENESS WEEK
NOVEMBER 9-15, 2008

WHEREAS, throughout our history, America has been protected by patriots who cherished liberty and made great sacrifices to advance the cause of freedom; and

WHEREAS, the brave members of the United States Armed Forces have answered the call to serve our nation, ready to give all for their country; and

WHEREAS, on Veterans Day and throughout Veterans Awareness Week, we honor these extraordinary Americans for their service and sacrifice and we pay tribute to the legacy of freedom and peace that they have given our great nation; and

WHEREAS, in times of war and peace, our men and women in uniform have courageously stepped forward to defend their fellow citizens and the country they love, and lived up to the highest standards of duty and honor; and

WHEREAS, like the heroes before them, a new generation of men and women are fighting for freedom around the globe and laying the foundation for a more secure and peaceful world; and

WHEREAS, this week serves as an important reminder that freedom is not free, and that we must never forget the heroic contributions of our veterans and those currently serving and the ultimate sacrifice made by those who lost their lives in defense of this great nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 9-15, 2008, **VETERANS AWARENESS WEEK** in the state of North Dakota and encourage all citizens to honor our veterans with commemorative expressions and programs, and call upon all state and local officials to proudly display the American and North Dakota flags and to support and participate in patriotic activities in their communities.

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