State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
MENTORING MONTH
JANUARY 2009

WHEREAS, research has shown that mentors can play a powerful role in the lives of our young people, reducing drug abuse and youth violence, while greatly enhancing a young person's prospects for leading a healthy and productive life; and

WHEREAS, mentoring allows a community to come together, helping its youth thrive and succeed; mentoring ensures that youth are connected with positive role models, individuals who care about their young neighbors enough to establish a trusting relationship with them; mentoring is an intentional relationship with modest time requirements and overwhelmingly positive outcomes; and

WHEREAS, all young people in North Dakota can benefit from having a mentor in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Metro Youth Partnership of Fargo-Moorhead-West Fargo and youth organizations across the state are actively recruiting and providing training, referral and opportunities for mentors and the young people who benefit from their service; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota citizens are encouraged to recognize mentors and the important role they play in the lives of our youth throughout this month and on January 23, "Thank Your Mentor and Pass It On Day," and are encouraged to consider becoming a mentor for a young person in their community.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim January 2009, **MENTORING MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

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