State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
PROFESSIONAL CODERS RECOGNITION DAY
SEPTEMBER 25, 2009

WHEREAS, professional medical coders identify patterns of disease and illness, as well as trends in the procedures and services provided; and

WHEREAS, the use of medical codes for disease and injury prevention has contributed to understanding correlations between illness and injury and possible treatments, including heart disease and stroke, viral infections, infectious diseases, and motor vehicle and workplace injuries; and

WHEREAS, over the past decade, medical coders have advanced the prominence and professionalism of their vocation through extensive education and training; and

WHEREAS, the integrity and high standards of medical coders have contributed to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' campaign against fraud and abuse in medical reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's local chapter representatives of the American Academy of Professional Coders and all medical coders throughout the state are recognized for their dedication and contributions to the optimal health of all North Dakotans; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 25, 2009, **PROFESSIONAL CODERS RECOGNITION DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

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