State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
FIRST NATIONS DAY
OCTOBER 9, 2009
NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
NOVEMBER 2009

WHEREAS, First Nations Day recognizes North Dakota's indigenous peoples and their contributions to our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, the forbearers of North Dakota's indigenous peoples played a unique role in shaping the history and culture of this state, as well as the history and culture of this nation; and

WHEREAS, the American Indian people continue to play a vital and integral role in shaping the future of our state and nation by making important and distinctive contributions to our culture and society; and

WHEREAS, American Indian people, tribal governments, colleges and businesses play a critical role in strengthening their communities and growing North Dakota's economy; and

WHEREAS, on First Nations Day and throughout Native American Heritage Month, we reflect on the significance of the U.S. Constitution and all it represents – justice, equality and the preservation of liberty for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to commemorate the long-standing, cooperative relationships formed among tribal nations and the State of North Dakota and to support the continued fostering of these important partnerships as we work toward a shared future of growth and success.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 9, 2009, **FIRST NATIONS DAY**, and November 2009, **NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

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