State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY WEEK
OCTOBER 17-24, 2009

WHEREAS, consumer identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in America today; and

WHEREAS, each year, more than eight million Americans have their identities stolen; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota residents are not immune to this type of crime and many have already been affected; and

WHEREAS, the average victim spends about 600 hours recovering from identity theft; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive understanding of how to prevent identity theft is important for North Dakota consumers to protect themselves; and

WHEREAS, businesses and organizations across the state are working to promote awareness and educate consumers on ways to prevent and protect themselves against identity theft; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota citizens are encouraged to observe Protect Your Identity Week by educating themselves on ways to prevent identity theft.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 17-24, 2009, **PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

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