State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

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PROCLAMATION
BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK
OCTOBER 19-23, 2009

WHEREAS, working women constitute 71 million of the nation's workforce and strive to serve their communities, states and nation in professional, civic and cultural capacities; and

WHEREAS, women-owned businesses account for 30 percent of all U.S. business, generating $1.9 trillion in sales and employing 9.2 million people; and

WHEREAS, the major goals of the Business and Professional Women's Foundation are to promote equality for all women and to help create additional opportunities for working women through the study of social, educational, economic and political issues; and

WHEREAS, for more than 75 years, the Business and Professional Women's Foundation has been spotlighting the achievements and contributions of working women during National Business Women's Week, and the North Dakota Federation of Business and Professional Women has been supporting working women in this state since 1919.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 19-23, 2009, **BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

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