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**Governor Proclaims September as *HUNGER ACTION MONTH*:
North Dakota Department of Health Encourages Continued Collaboration to End Hunger**

BISMARCK, N.D. – To encourage continued action to ending hunger and to support groups dedicated to ending hunger in our communities, Governor Jack Dalrymple has proclaimed September 2016 as *Hunger Action Month* in North Dakota. The proclamation acknowledges that persistent problems such as hunger and food insecurity can be addressed with cooperation and collaboration.

North Dakota is one of the top producers in the United States of wheat, barley, dry edible and pinto beans, honey and other crops, and has the lowest food hardship rate among the states. Yet in 2015, 63,469 North Dakotans sought food assistance from the Great Plains Food Bank and its charitable feeding network partners.

Members the Creating a Hunger Free North Dakota Coalition network include farmers and growers, food shelves, soup kitchens, the North Dakota food bank, emergency shelters, senior meals programs, children's advocacy groups, businesses, state, local and federal government, legislators, health providers, statewide coalitions, faith-based organizations, and concerned youth and dedicated individuals.

Creating a Hunger Free North Dakota Coalition members are working to identify and address unmet food and hunger needs, enhance the understanding and awareness of hunger issues, and identify and address solutions to meet the immediate needs and underlying causes of hunger.

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A text of the Proclamation follows.

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Jack Dalrymple
Governor

PROCLAMATION
HUNGER ACTION MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2016

WHEREAS, North Dakota is one of the top producers in the United States of wheat, barley, dry edible and pinto beans, honey and other crops, and has the lowest food hardship rate among the states, yet in 2015, 63,469 North Dakotans sought food assistance from the Great Plains Food Bank and its charitable feeding network partners; and

WHEREAS, adequate food is necessary for the health, well-being and education of individuals of all ages, and access to adequate food assures the ability to be a productive citizen; and

WHEREAS, hunger and food insecurity affects even the least likely of individuals, including adults who are caring for family members, children of hard-working parents and seniors living on fixed incomes; and

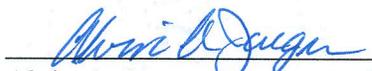
WHEREAS, partners of the Creating a Hunger Free North Dakota Coalition are working to identify and address unmet food and hunger needs, enhance the understanding and awareness of hunger issues, and identify and address solutions to meet the immediate needs and underlying causes of hunger; and

WHEREAS, farmers and growers, food shelves, soup kitchens, the North Dakota food bank, emergency shelters, senior meals programs, children's advocacy groups, businesses, state, local and federal government, legislators, health providers, statewide coalitions, faith-based organizations, concerned youth and dedicated individuals are working to end hunger in North Dakota.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 2016, **HUNGER ACTION MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.


Jack Dalrymple
Governor

ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State