



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
CENSUS 2010 AWARENESS
YEAR 2009

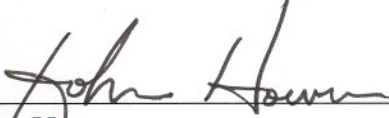
WHEREAS, the U.S. Census is vital to North Dakota communities in that it determines the apportionment of seats in the State Legislature and is the basis for the allocation of billions of dollars of federal, state and county funds for social and other programs; and

WHEREAS, information obtained through the Census is important to the state in a number of ways, including rural development; planning for public transportation services, health and education services for people with disabilities and land use; developing assistance programming for low-income families and adult education programs; and determining the location of schools, day care centers, hospitals and other facilities; and

WHEREAS, the state of North Dakota is committed to a complete and accurate Census count and is placing special emphasis on identifying members of population groups traditionally undercounted; and

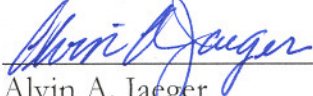
WHEREAS, North Dakota is partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to prepare for Census 2010 by updating address lists, Census maps and jurisdictional boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim the year 2009, **CENSUS 2010 AWARENESS** in the state of North Dakota, and recognize Census 2010 as a priority for all departments and appointed officials and encourage communities to place an emphasis within their jurisdiction to partner with the U.S. Census Bureau in achieving an accurate and complete count in Census 2010.



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ATTEST:



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Secretary of State