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Emergency Medical Services for Children Day Observed in North Dakota

BISMARCK, N.D. – Governor John Hoeven has proclaimed May 21, 2008, as Emergency Medical Services for Children Day in North Dakota.

Emergency Medical Services for Children Day highlights the unique emergency-care needs of children and emphasizes the importance of properly trained emergency personnel, appropriately equipped ambulances and emergency departments, and well-defined pediatric treatment procedures.

“Our children are precious and deserve the best possible care when they are sick or injured,” Hoeven said. “North Dakota’s emergency personnel are dedicated to saving children’s lives and to ensuring they grow up safe and healthy.”

About 30 million children need emergency care each year in the United States. Emergency medical services professionals work to save children’s lives through emergency response, injury prevention, safety awareness and emergency preparedness. In addition, parents and caregivers play a critical role in preventing and preparing for pediatric emergencies.

For more information about Emergency Medical Services for Children Day, contact Kelli Rice, Emergency Medical Services for Children Program manager, North Dakota Department of Health, at 701.328.1220.

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Proclamation
Emergency Medical Services for Children Day
May 21, 2008

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services for Children supports emergency medical services, the community-based public service whose presence is vital to children in need; and

WHEREAS, the needs of children are different from the needs of adults in medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services for Children promotes the high-level emergency care given by emergency medical services providers with pediatric emergency skills; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services for Children works with physicians, nurses, social workers, psychologists, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators and others to identify and address the issues surrounding the provision of optimal pediatric care; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services for Children assists in the implementation of training programs and guidelines for emergency care providers so that children receive timely, appropriate care.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 21, 2008, as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

John Hoeven
Governor

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