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Governor Hoeven Proclaims *Earth Day* ***North Dakotans Encouraged To Celebrate Earth Day***

BISMARCK, N.D. – Gov. John Hoeven has proclaimed April 22, 2010, as *Earth Day*.

Earth Day celebrates the efforts of young and old alike who strive to improve our environment for the benefit of today and for generations to come. On *Earth Day*, residents are encouraged to conserve natural resources by recycling, taking public transportation or carpooling, turning off the lights when they leave a room, and utilizing renewable resources when possible.

“Protecting and preserving the state’s natural resources is important to the citizens of North Dakota,” said Steve Tillotson, manager of the North Dakota Department of Health’s Solid Waste Program. “*Earth Day* is an opportunity for North Dakotans to adopt conservation habits that will bring about a cleaner, safer and healthier environment for present and future generations.”

Along with concerned citizens of North Dakota, organizations involved in the promotion of *Earth Day* include the North Dakota Department of Health, the North Dakota Solid Waste and Recycling Association, the Coalition for Conservation and Environmental Education, the Earth Day Planning Committee, Keep North Dakota Clean, and Valley Earth Week.

Please note: Proclamation follows.

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PROCLAMATION
EARTH DAY
April 22, 2010

WHEREAS, the state of North Dakota is committed to preserving our natural resources and recognizes the importance of the vital role our citizens play in this endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is a time to come together and celebrate the efforts of young and old alike who strive to improve our environment for both the benefit of today and for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day reminds us all to be good stewards of North Dakota's resources; and

WHEREAS, by using our resources wisely, we help build a stronger economy and healthier future; and

WHEREAS, during Earth Day and every day, we urge residents to:

CONSERVE natural resources by recycling, taking public transportation or carpooling, turning off the lights when leaving a room; and utilizing renewable resources, such as bio-diesels.

PRESERVE natural resources and practice responsible stewardship by participating in recycling programs and engaging in ways to reduce waste, cut pollution, and conserve energy and water.

COMMIT to the recycling process by buying recycled-content products.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 22, 2010, **EARTH DAY** in the state of North Dakota, and encourage citizens to reflect on ways they can contribute to a healthy environment and continue to make North Dakota a great place to live, work and raise a family.

John Hoeven
Governor

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