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### **Governor Hoeven Proclaims *School Nurse Day* in North Dakota**

BISMARCK, N.D. – Governor John Hoeven has proclaimed Wednesday, May 12, 2010, as *School Nurse Day* in North Dakota.

*School Nurse Day* recognizes the school nursing profession and fosters a better understanding of this specialized area of nursing practice. Every day, school nurses advance the health, well-being, academic success, and lifelong achievement of children by providing health services in the school setting; facilitating positive student responses to normal development; promoting health and safety; intervening with actual and potential health problems; and providing case management services.

“School nurses are on the front lines of disease prevention and health promotion for students and communities,” said State Health Officer Terry Dwelle, M.D. “Emerging issues such as obesity and chronic disease will affect the health and well-being of our children for generations to come. School nurses keep students healthy and ready to learn.”

“School nurses are dedicated health professionals who make a significant impact on the health of students, staff and communities,” said Becky Bailey, director of Coordinated School Health for the North Dakota Department of Health. “The Department of Health encourages schools and communities to honor school nurses and the difference they make to improve the health and success of students.”

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PROCLAMATION  
**SCHOOL NURSE DAY**  
May 12, 2010

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota children are our most valuable resource and will become North Dakota's leaders of tomorrow; and

**WHEREAS**, school nurses support the physical, mental, emotional and social health of students and their success in the learning process; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota's school nurses are dedicated health-care professionals who provide direct health care to students and staff, leadership for the provision of health services, and screening and referral for health conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to providing for students' immediate health needs, school nurses promote healthy lifestyles and a healthy school environment; and

**WHEREAS**, school nurses serve in a leadership role for health policies and programs and as a liaison between families, schools, communities and health-care providers; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakotans are encouraged to promote the good health of our children and recognize school nurses for their contributions to the health and safety of our students.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 12, 2010, as **SCHOOL NURSE DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

John Hoeven  
Governor

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