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Governor Dalrymple Proclaims *School Nurse Day* in North Dakota

BISMARCK, N.D. – Governor Jack Dalrymple has proclaimed Wednesday, May 11, 2011, as *School Nurse Day* in North Dakota.

School Nurse Day recognizes the role of nursing in the school setting. Every day, school nurses advance the health, well-being, academic success, and lifelong achievement of students by promoting health and safety; intervening with actual and potential health problems; providing case management services; and actively collaborating with others to build student and family capacity for adaptation, self management, self advocacy and learning.

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

“School nursing is a specialized practice focusing on the needs of the whole child,” said Becky Bailey, director of Coordinated School Health for the North Dakota Department of Health. “School nursing promotes the well-being, academic success and life-long achievement of students by removing or minimizing health-related barriers to student success. The North Dakota Department of Health encourages schools and communities to celebrate the contributions of school nurses on this important day.”

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Please note: Proclamation follows.

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PROCLAMATION
SCHOOL NURSE DAY
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WHEREAS, children are North Dakota's most valuable resource and will become the future leaders of our communities, businesses and state; and

WHEREAS, by investing in them today, we are helping ensure our world for tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, all students have a right to have their health needs safely met while in the school setting; and

WHEREAS, school nurses are professional nurses that advance the well-being, health, academic success and life-long achievements of all students by providing a critical safety net; and

WHEREAS, school nurses act as a liaison to the school community, families and health care providers on behalf of children's health; and

WHEREAS, school nurses understand the link between health and learning and are in a position to make a positive difference for children every day.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 11, 2011, **SCHOOL NURSE DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

Jack Dalrymple
Governor

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