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Governor Hoeven Proclaims Trauma Awareness Month

BISMARCK, N.D. – Governor John Hoeven has proclaimed May 2010 as *Trauma Awareness Month* in North Dakota.

According to the North Dakota Department of Health, traumatic injury is the leading cause of death of North Dakotans ages 1 through 44. In addition, traumatic injury often renders its victims incapable of caring for themselves and deprives them of years of productivity.

“Providing rapid, accessible and appropriate trauma care to the people of North Dakota is a public health and trauma system priority,” said Amy Eberle, state trauma coordinator for the North Dakota Department of Health. “Each member of the North Dakota trauma system is essential in the response, treatment and recovery of trauma patients. The state depends on the North Dakota Statewide Trauma System’s team approach for saving lives each and every day.”

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Please note: Proclamation follows.

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PROCLAMATION
TRAUMA AWARENESS MONTH
MAY 2010

WHEREAS, traumatic injury is the leading cause of death of North Dakotans ages 1 through 44;
and

WHEREAS, traumatic injury frequently renders its victims incapable of caring for themselves
and deprives them of years of productivity; and

WHEREAS, the people of the United States ultimately spend more than \$400 billion for the
traumatic injuries that occur in one year; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's trauma system works hard to prevent traumatic injury and to
properly treat our citizens who experience trauma; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the citizens of North Dakota increase their awareness of the
prevention and treatment of trauma and the value of the North Dakota Statewide Trauma System.

NOW, THEREFORE, Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 2010
as **TRAUMA AWARENESS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

John Hoeven
Governor

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