



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Jack Dalrymple
Governor

PROCLAMATION
HUNGER ACTION MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2011

WHEREAS, North Dakota is the top producer in the United States of wheat, barley, dry edible beans and other crops, and has the lowest food hardship rate in the nation, yet one in 11 North Dakotans still needs to access the charitable feeding network; and

WHEREAS, hunger affects the health and well-being of individuals of all ages, limits people's abilities to be productive citizens and impairs the learning of children; and

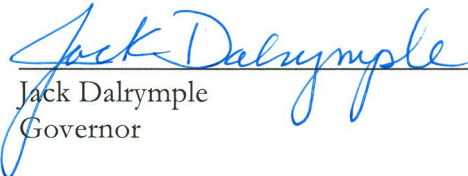
WHEREAS, hunger affects even the least likely of individuals, including adults who are caring for a family member, the children of hard-working parents and seniors living on a fixed income; and

WHEREAS, the Creating a Hunger Free North Dakota Coalition is working to address the unmet needs of people, fill geographical gaps in service delivery, loosen constraints faced by providers and break down barriers people face in accessing the charitable feeding network; and

WHEREAS, people from across the state are gathering in Fargo September 19-21 for the *Taking Action to End Hunger Summit* to energize the effort to end hunger in our state by 2019; and

WHEREAS, food shelves, soup kitchens, the North Dakota food bank, emergency shelters, senior meals programs, children's advocacy groups, businesses, state and local government, legislators, health providers, statewide coalitions, faith-based organizations, concerned youth and dedicated individuals are working to end hunger in North Dakota.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 2011, **HUNGER ACTION MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.


Jack Dalrymple
Governor

ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State