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Office of the Governor

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PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL ANTHEM PROJECT DAY
JUNE 16, 2006

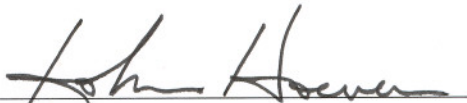
WHEREAS, the Star-Spangled Banner was adopted as the National Anthem of the United States in 1931 by an act of Congress; and

WHEREAS, an ABC News poll revealed that more than one in three Americans do not know the official name of the National Anthem is "The Star-Spangled Banner," less than 35 percent of American teens can name Francis Scott Key as the composer of the National Anthem, and as few as 15 percent of American youth can sing the words to the anthem from memory; and

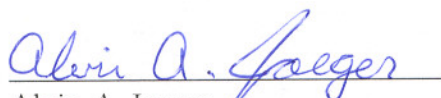
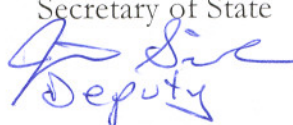
WHEREAS, the National Association of Music Education and the North Dakota Music Educators Association have taken a lead role in promoting the National Anthem through "The National Anthem Project" to make more Americans aware of this important anthem and its historical significance; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to preserve America's musical traditions and historical legacies, and reflect on the significance of our national anthem and the historical events that created this great nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim June 16, 2006, **NATIONAL ANTHEM PROJECT DAY** in the state of North Dakota.


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