



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Jack Dalrymple
Governor

PROCLAMATION
BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH
MARCH 2013

WHEREAS, according to the National Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1.7 million Americans sustain a traumatic brain injury each year, and 52,000 of those individuals die as a result of their injuries; and

WHEREAS, the CDC also reports that more than 3.1 million Americans live with disabilities resulting from brain injury, including about 13,000 North Dakotans; and

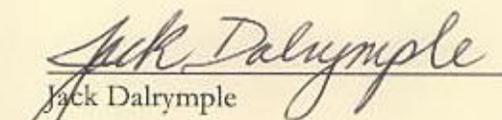
WHEREAS, the leading causes of brain injury are falls, motor vehicle and traffic accidents, sports related injuries, being struck by or against objects, and assaults; and

WHEREAS, cases of traumatic brain injuries associated with improvised explosive devices have been diagnosed in our military members returning from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

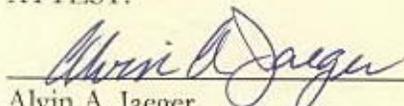
WHEREAS, the North Dakota Department of Human Services, as the lead state agency serving people with brain injury, works collaboratively with the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota, the Head Injury Association of North Dakota and other programs to form the North Dakota Traumatic Brain Injury Partnership to build a system of coordinated services for individuals with brain injury and their families; and

WHEREAS, public awareness is important for the prevention of brain injuries and for enhancing the recovery process for all individuals affected by traumatic brain injuries.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 2013, **BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.


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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State