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2021-22 GOVERNOR'S BAND  
**Bismarck Legacy High School**  
**Wind Ensemble**

2021-2022 GOVERNOR'S CHOIR  
**Larimore High School**  
**Senior Choir**

JOINT COLOR GUARD  
**North Dakota**  
**National Guard**



# THE ICONIC FARGO THEATRE

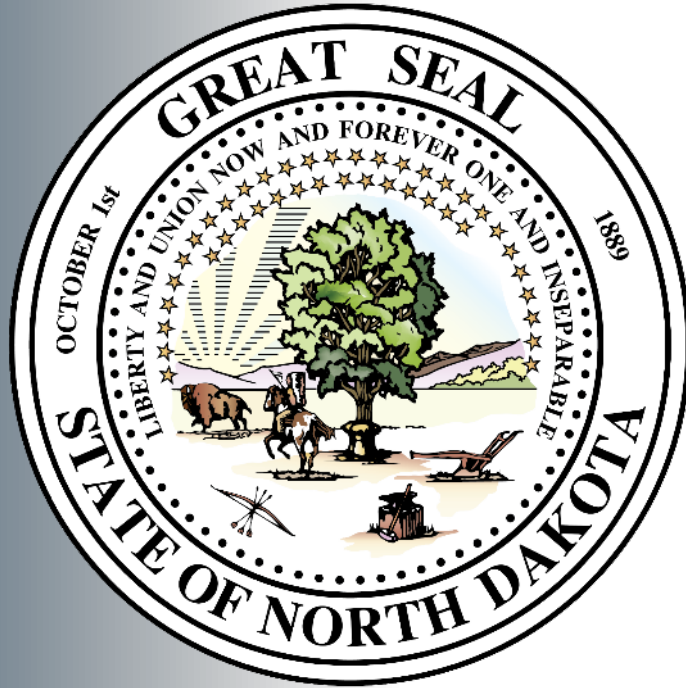




# FUNDRAISING EXCEEDS GOAL

SUPPORTING NDSU STUDENTS, FACULTY, PROGRAMS





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**GOVERNOR DOUG BURGUM**

NORTH DAKOTA



A landscape photograph of a river at sunset. The sky is filled with soft, white and orange-tinted clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow. The river flows from the foreground towards the horizon, reflecting the sky and the surrounding greenery. On the left bank, there is a small cluster of trees. The word "GRATITUDE" is overlaid in large, bold, black capital letters across the center of the image. The reflection of the word is visible in the water.

**GRATITUDE**





# INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY







**TOP-RANKED STATE FOR FAMILIES**  
AND BUSINESS FRIENDLINESS



# TOP STATE FOR NATURAL RESOURCES

## MILLENNIALS, STARTING A BUSINESS AND STATE TO RETIRE



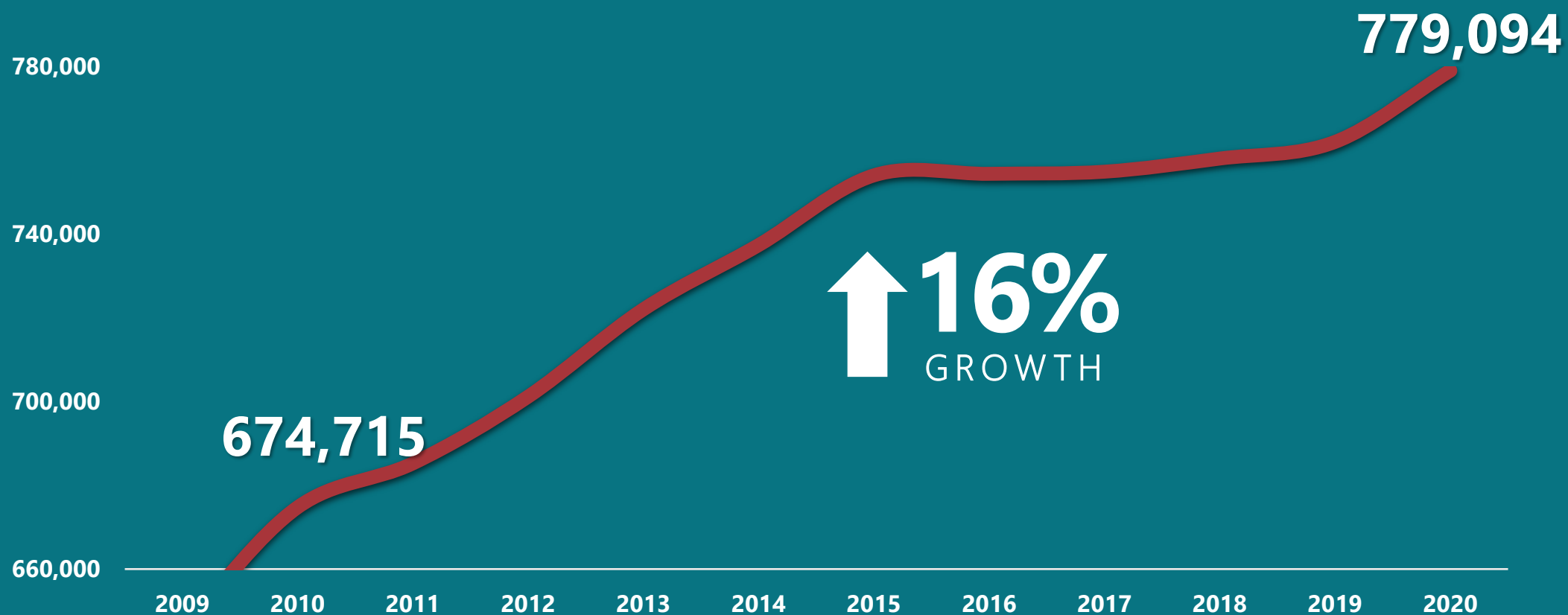




**HAPPIEST STATE IN AMERICA**

# RECORD POPULATION GROWTH

## 4TH-FASTEST GROWTH RATE IN THE NATION







# ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES





# FOURTH-YOUNGEST STATE



# REMARKABLE LEVEL OF **CAPITAL INVESTMENTS**



"Today, the State of our State is strong – and growing stronger by the day with our unshakable faith in the unlimited potential of North Dakota and its people."

-Gov. Doug Burgum



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# HISTORIC CHALLENGES



SCHOOLS OPEN FOR  
**IN-PERSON LEARNING**





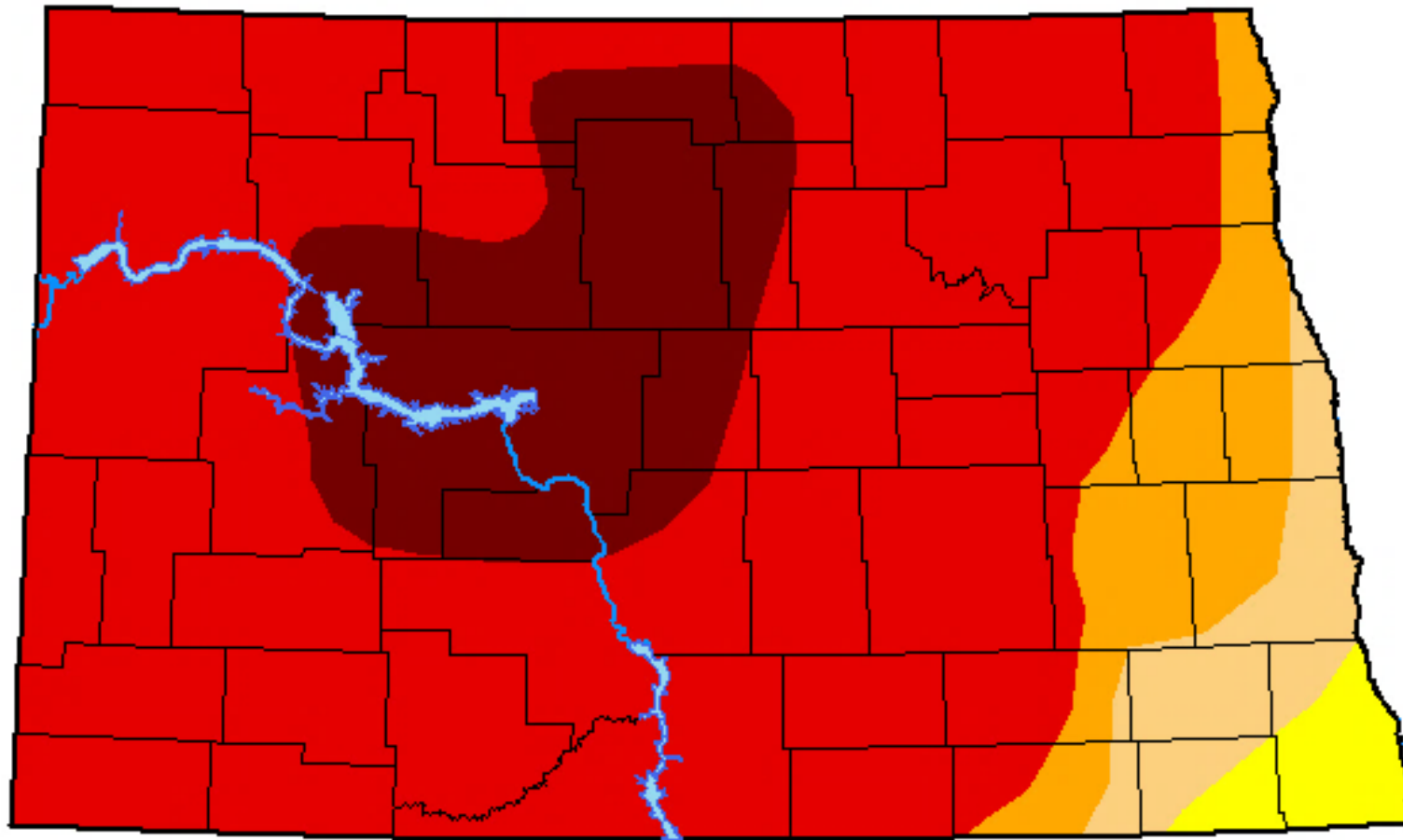
GRATITUDE





**TRULY LIFESAVING WORK**

# HISTORIC, STATEWIDE DROUGHT



## NORTH DAKOTA DROUGHT MONITOR

AS REPORTED MAY 18, 2021





# WORST DROUGHT

IN STATE'S 133-YEAR HISTORY







**INCREDIBLE COLLABORATION**



A group of five men are standing in a parking lot under a clear blue sky. On the left, a man in a blue denim shirt and black cap is seen in profile, looking towards the others. Behind him are three men in olive green shirts and caps, some with reflective yellow vests. On the right, a man in a yellow shirt and cap is also in profile, looking towards the group. In the background, there is a white pickup truck and a brown building. The word "GRATITUDE" is overlaid in large white letters across the middle of the image.

# GRATITUDE

Kyle Schockley, Billings County Fire Chief

Ryan Melin, ND Forest Service

Major Josh Yri, ND National Guard

Jeff Thompson, ND Dept. of Emergency Services

Lee Nelson, U.S. Forest Service

Jimmy Corbett, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Rod Skalsky, National Park Service

# PROTECTING OUR CITIZENS' DATA

A dark blue world map with numerous red circles of varying sizes scattered across the continents. The largest circle is in North America, and there are many smaller circles across Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia. The circles represent the locations and relative frequency of threat events.

**4.5B**

THREAT EVENTS ON  
NORTH DAKOTA  
IN 2021





**CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION**  
IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

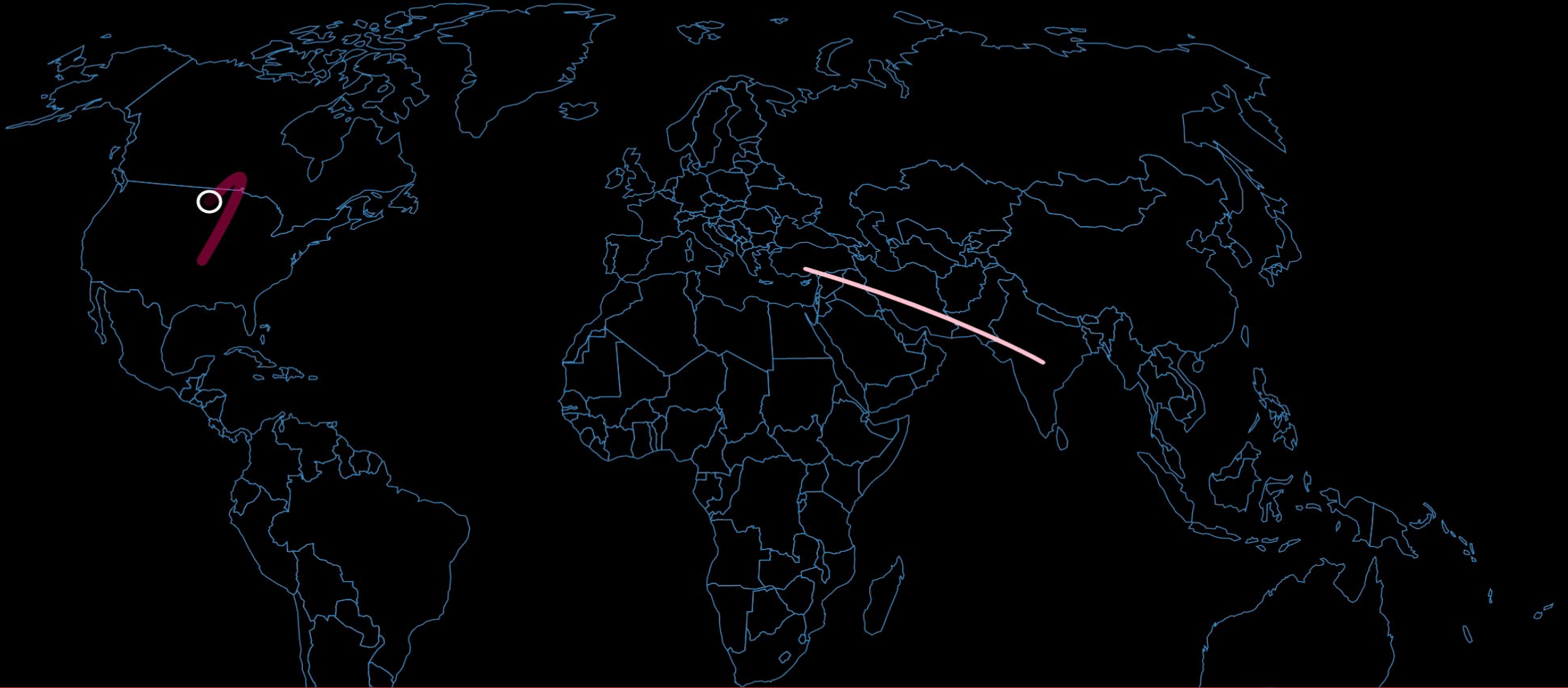




# FIRST-EVER ND CYBER MADNESS CHAMPIONS



# Cyber Attack Map



**GREATER INVESTMENT IS NEEDED**  
TO PROTECT OUR CITIZENS' DIGITAL LIVELIHOODS



# NOVEMBER 2021: **5-DAY SPECIAL SESSION**





# RETIRING LEADERS





# ENGAGING PARTNERSHIP





# HISTORIC COLLABORATION







**SOLVING CHALLENGES**



# PUBLIC SAFETY







# PROTECTING THE BORDER





**RECOGNIZING SERVICE**



# GRATITUDE







**CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**







**SOARING INFLATION**



# STRATEGICALLY INVESTING

**\$680M** BONDING  
PACKAGE

**\$510M**

FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS

**\$70M**

STATE BRIDGE REPAIR

**\$50M**

REVOLVING LOAN FUND TO SUPPORT CITIES AND COUNTIES

**\$50M**

CREATE AG PRODUCTS DEVELOPMENT CENTER AT NDSU



# RECORD FEDERAL RELIEF

**\$3.2B** TOTAL ARPA FUNDING AVAILABLE TO ND



**\$1.25B**

STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RELIEF

**\$949M**

DIRECT PROGRAM GRANTS

**\$904M**

ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS

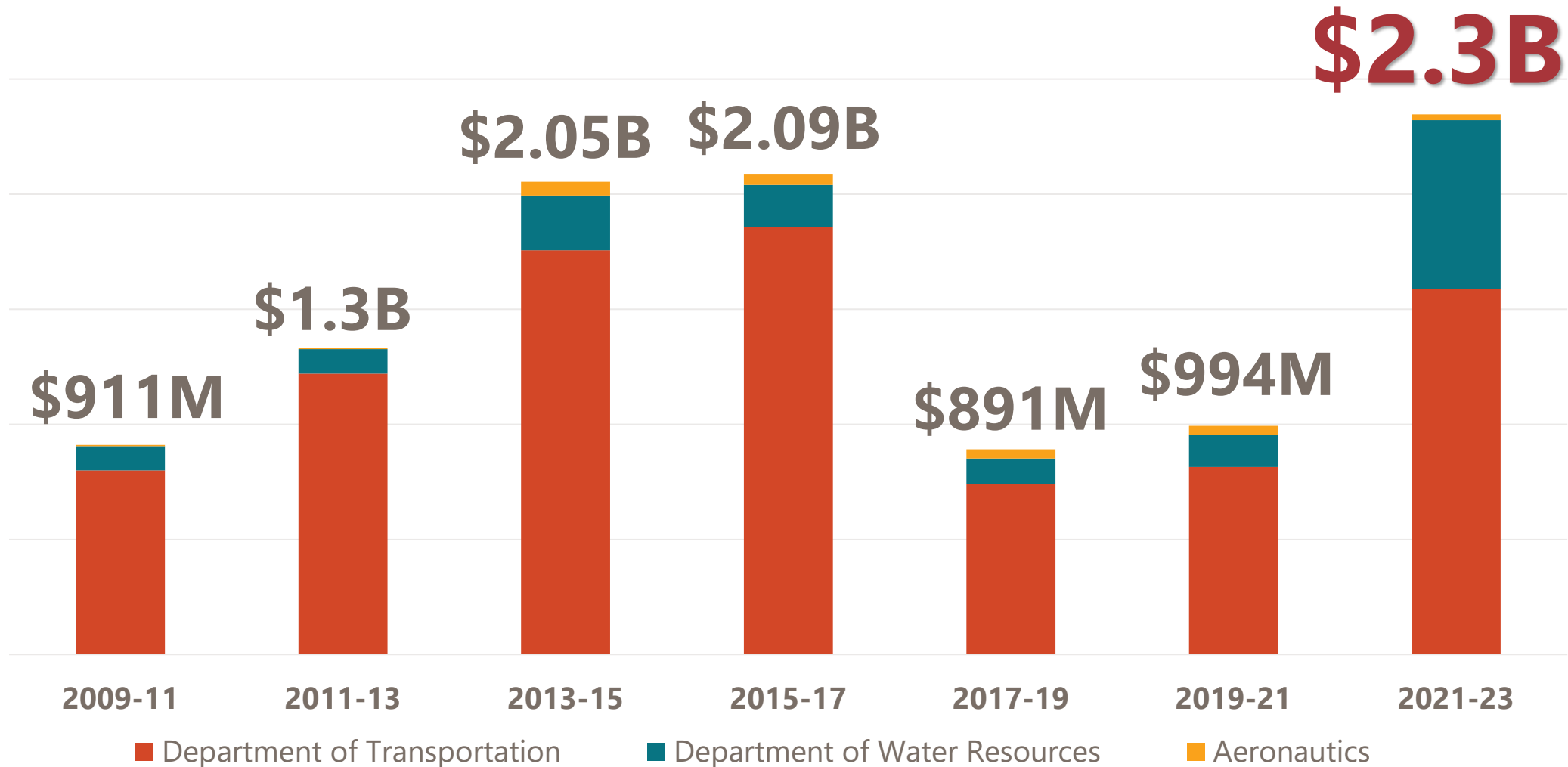
**\$113M**

CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

**ACCELERATE** ND



# INFRASTRUCTURE APPROPRIATIONS







# PERMANENT RED RIVER **FLOOD PROTECTION**

*May 2021*



# PERMANENT RED RIVER **FLOOD PROTECTION**

*May 2021*

A wide-angle photograph of a construction site for flood protection walls. Two long, grey concrete walls are under construction, separated by a dirt area. A red lattice boom crane stands in the center, lifting a cable. The ground is covered with construction materials, rebar, and equipment. The sky is clear blue.

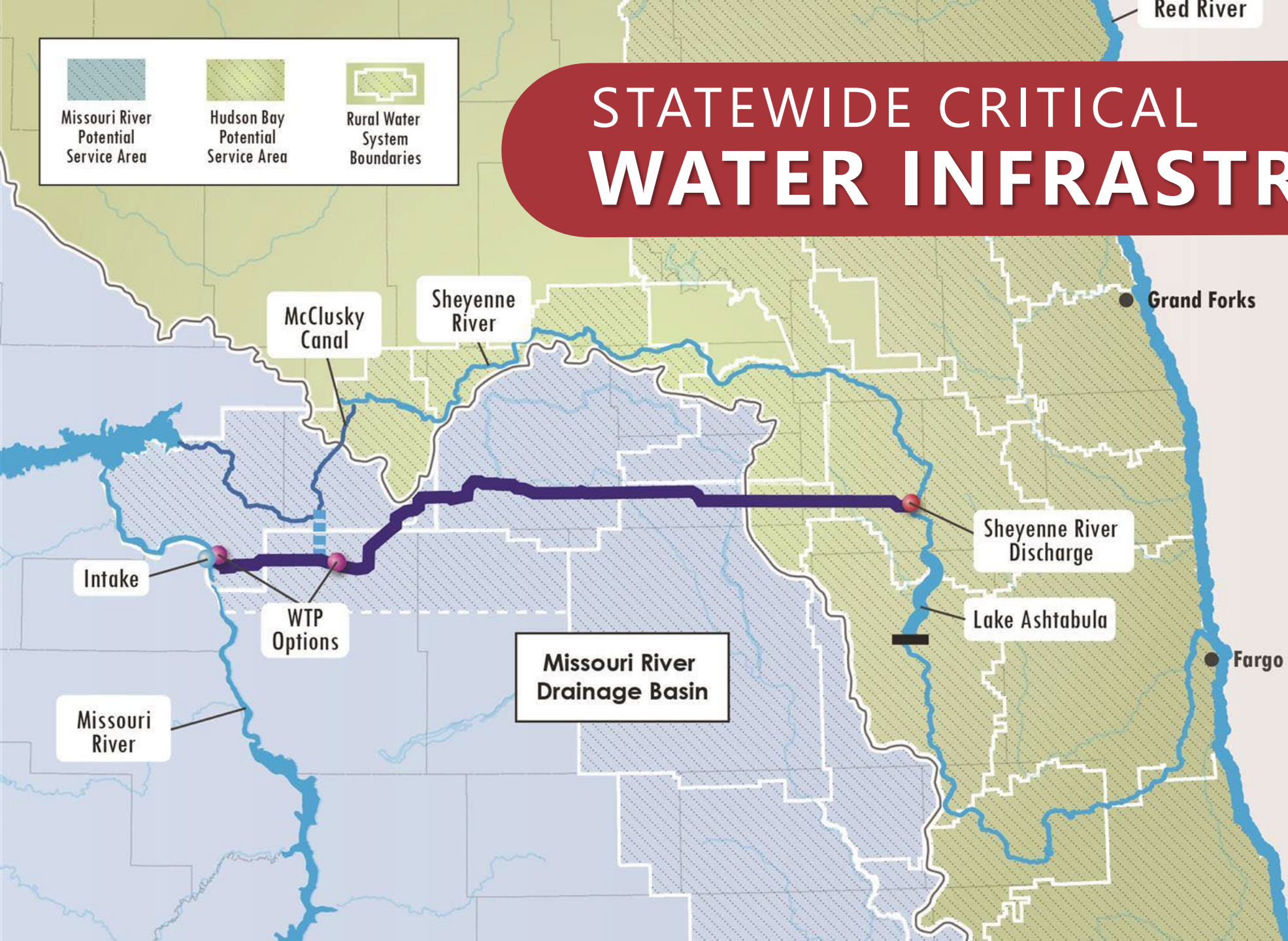


# STATEWIDE CRITICAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Missouri River  
Potential  
Service Area

Hudson Bay  
Potential  
Service Area

Rural Water  
System  
Boundaries





# STATEWIDE CRITICAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE





A high-angle photograph of a rural landscape. A dirt road curves from the bottom left towards the right side of the frame. To the left of the road, there are green fields, a wire fence, and several farm buildings including a white barn with a red door and a smaller white building. In the background, there are more fields and a few trees. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

# CHALLENGE

FIRST STATE TO  
**100% BROADBAND**





**FINANCIAL STABILITY**



# STRONG FINANCIAL POSITION

**\$750M** Budget Stabilization Fund at a **near-record high**

**\$900M** Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund  
unobligated balance by June 2023

**\$9.3B** Legacy Fund Balance **more than doubled** in just 8 years





**SIGNIFICANT TAX RELIEF**



# PROPERTY TAX RELIEF





A photograph of a crowded outdoor market street. The street is lined with numerous white pop-up tents, some of which are covered with various goods. A large, diverse crowd of people is walking along the street, filling the space between the tents. The background shows trees and buildings, suggesting an urban setting. The overall atmosphere is busy and festive.

# CHALLENGE

BRING MEANINGFUL TAX REFORM  
**TO CITIZENS IN 2023**



# ECONOMIC ENGINE





# FEEDING THE WORLD

**TOP PRODUCER NATIONALLY FOR**  
EDIBLE BEANS, HONEY, CANOLA AND FLAXSEED

**TOP 10 PRODUCER NATIONALLY FOR**



RYE (2), SUNFLOWER(2), WHEAT (2),  
BARLEY (3), OATS (3), SUGARBEETS (3),  
CHICKPEAS (4), SOYBEANS (10)





# AUTONOMOUS AG TECH







**INNOVATING AGRICULTURE**  
THROUGH TECHNOLOGY



# INNOVATING AGRICULTURE THROUGH TECHNOLOGY







AGRICULTURE AND ENERGY  
**WORKING TOGETHER**





**FUELING THE WORLD**



**BAKKEN NOW**

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**CARBON NEUTRAL BY 2030**



The background of the image is a landscape featuring a vast, golden-brown grassy field in the foreground. In the middle ground, there is a small, rounded hill on the left and a herd of dark-colored cattle grazing in the field. The horizon is marked by distant hills and several tall, thin utility poles. The sky is filled with large, white, fluffy clouds, with patches of blue visible between them.

# **INNOVATION** *OVER* **REGULATION**



# REDUCING CARBON INTENSITY

10<sup>TH</sup>

IN U.S. IN REDUCING  
CARBON INTENSITY  
OVER LAST 20 YEARS





**EMBRACING SYNERGIES  
BETWEEN AG AND ENERGY**



# **ALL-OF-THE-ABOVE APPROACH TO ENERGY**







**SUPPLYING CRITICAL  
BASELOAD POWER**

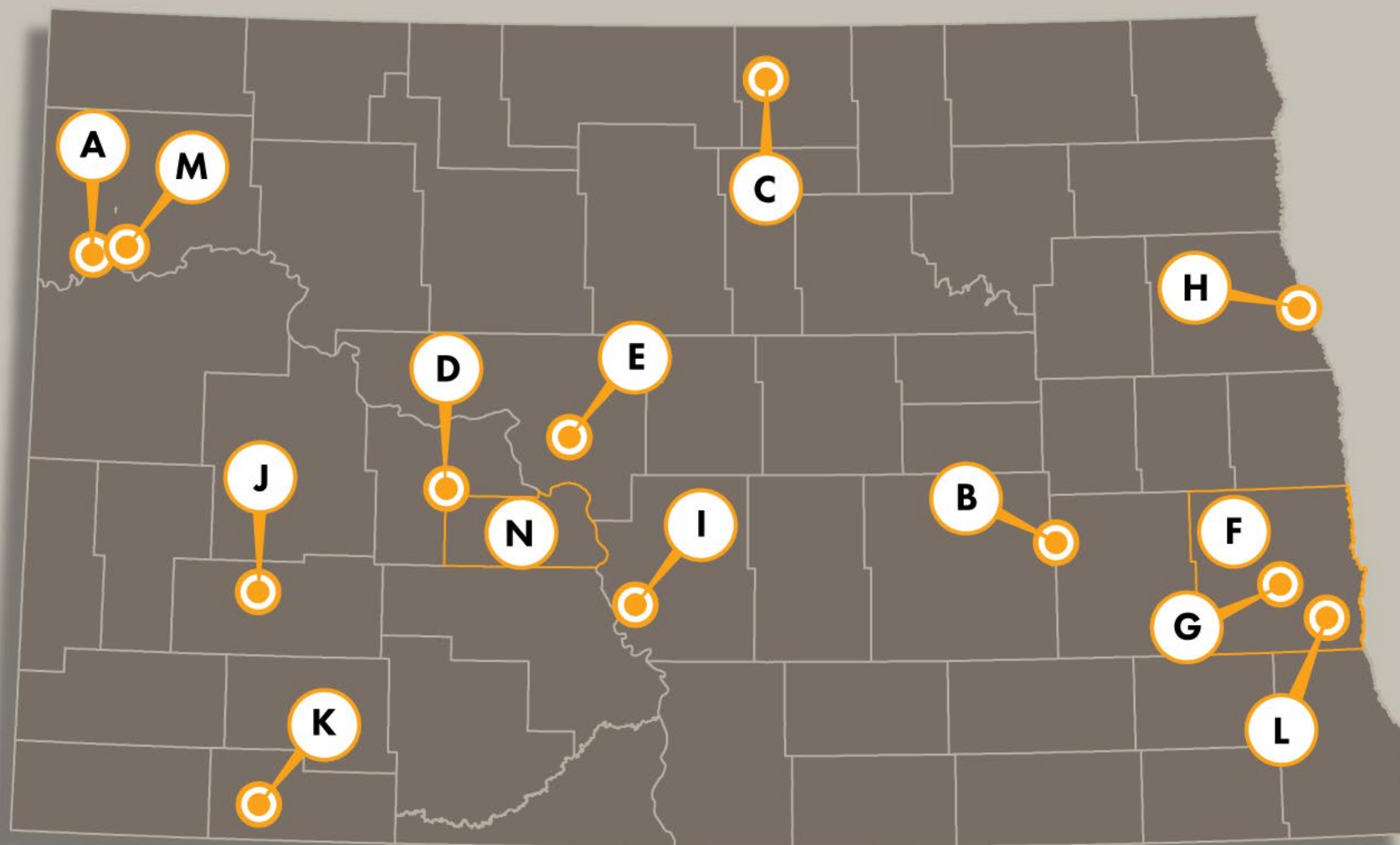


# CLEAN, SUSTAINABLE ENERGY





# BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GROWTH



- A** **Trenton**
  - Cerilon: **\$5B**
  - AIC: **\$300M**
- B** **Spiritwood**
  - Houweling's Tomatoes: **\$35M**
  - ADM: **\$300M**
- C** **Dunseith**
  - Hoefer RV
- D** **Beulah**
  - Mitsubishi: **\$3B**
- E** **Underwood**
  - Coal Creek
- F** **Cass County**
  - Grand Farm: **\$20M**
- G** **Casselton**
  - ND Soybean Processors: **\$400M**
- H** **Grand Forks**
  - FuFeng: **\$900M**
  - Core Scientific: **\$100M**
- I** **Bismarck (NW Area)**
  - Summit Carbon: **\$4.5B**
- J** **Dickinson**
  - Marathon
- K** **Hettinger**
  - Commercial Bee Supply
- L** **Horace**
  - Access Point Technologies
- M** **Williston**
  - Valence Natural Gas: **\$44M**
  - Wellspring Hydro: **\$170M**
  - Atlas Power Data Center: **\$1.9B**
- N** **Oliver County**
  - Project Tundra: **\$1B**



# CHALLENGE

NORTH DAKOTA CAN LEAD ALL STATES  
**IN PER CAPITA GDP**





**SUCCESS IN MANUFACTURING**





# DIVERSIFIED ECONOMY



# PROVING GROUND FOR UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS





# EXPERIENCE NORTH DAKOTA







**EXPERIENCE OUR HISTORY**



# DEDICATION TO ADVENTURE





# CONNECTING HUNTERS AND LANDOWNERS







**CONTINUED GROWTH IN  
ANGLER LICENSES**





**RECORD PARKS ATTENDANCE**



# SUPPORTING AND INVESTING IN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES





OUR STATE'S BIGGEST CHALLENGE

# WORKFORCE







# ADDRESSING WORKFORCE THROUGH CAREER ACADEMIES





**BUILDING PROGRAMS  
AND CURRICULUM FOR THE FUTURE**





# INCREASING SUPPORT FOR AUTOMATION





ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE,  
**QUALITY CHILD CARE**



# SUPPORTING PROVIDERS





# EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY FOR **CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE**







HIGHEST QUALITY EDUCATION FROM  
**PRESCHOOL TO COLLEGE**



# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING **STREAMLINING HIGHER ED**







**COME HOME TO ND**





**FOCUSING ON FAMILIES**



# COMMUNITY BUILDING





# FINDING A SOLUTION





# MAKING STRIDES IN ADDRESSING THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS

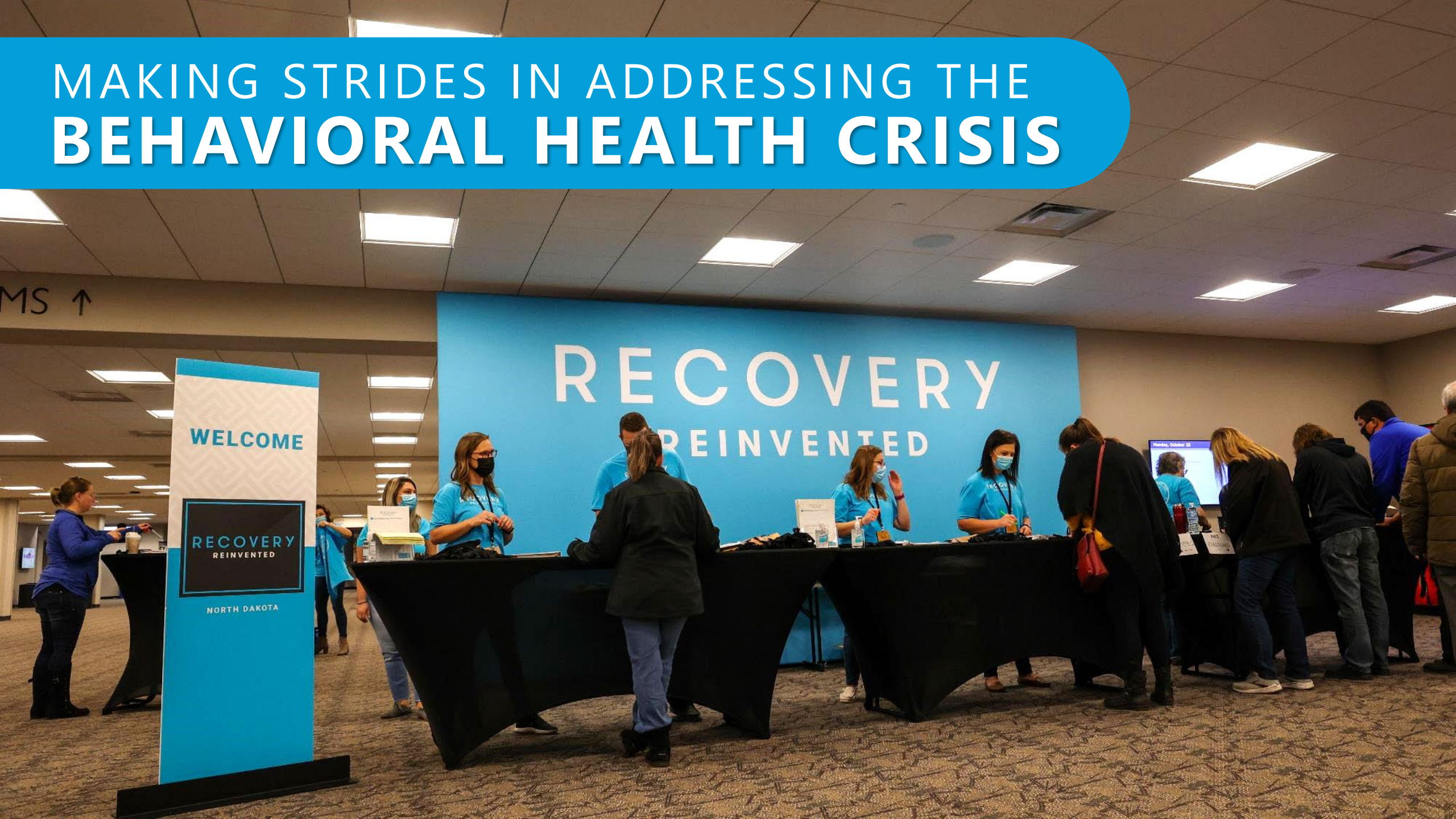
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WELCOME

RECOVERY  
REINVENTED

NORTH DAKOTA

RECOVERY  
REINVENTED







**HELPING COMMUNITY**  
THROUGH COUNSELING





Behavioral Health  
HUMAN SERVICES



# IMPROVING ACCESS TO ADDICTION TREATMENT PROGRAMS



# RECOVERY

## REINVENTED

**NOVEMBER 10**

**ALERUS CENTER – GRAND FORKS**



# INSPIRING INDIVIDUALS ACROSS THE STATE AND NATION

DREAM. HOPE. ACT.

RECOVERY  
REINVENTED





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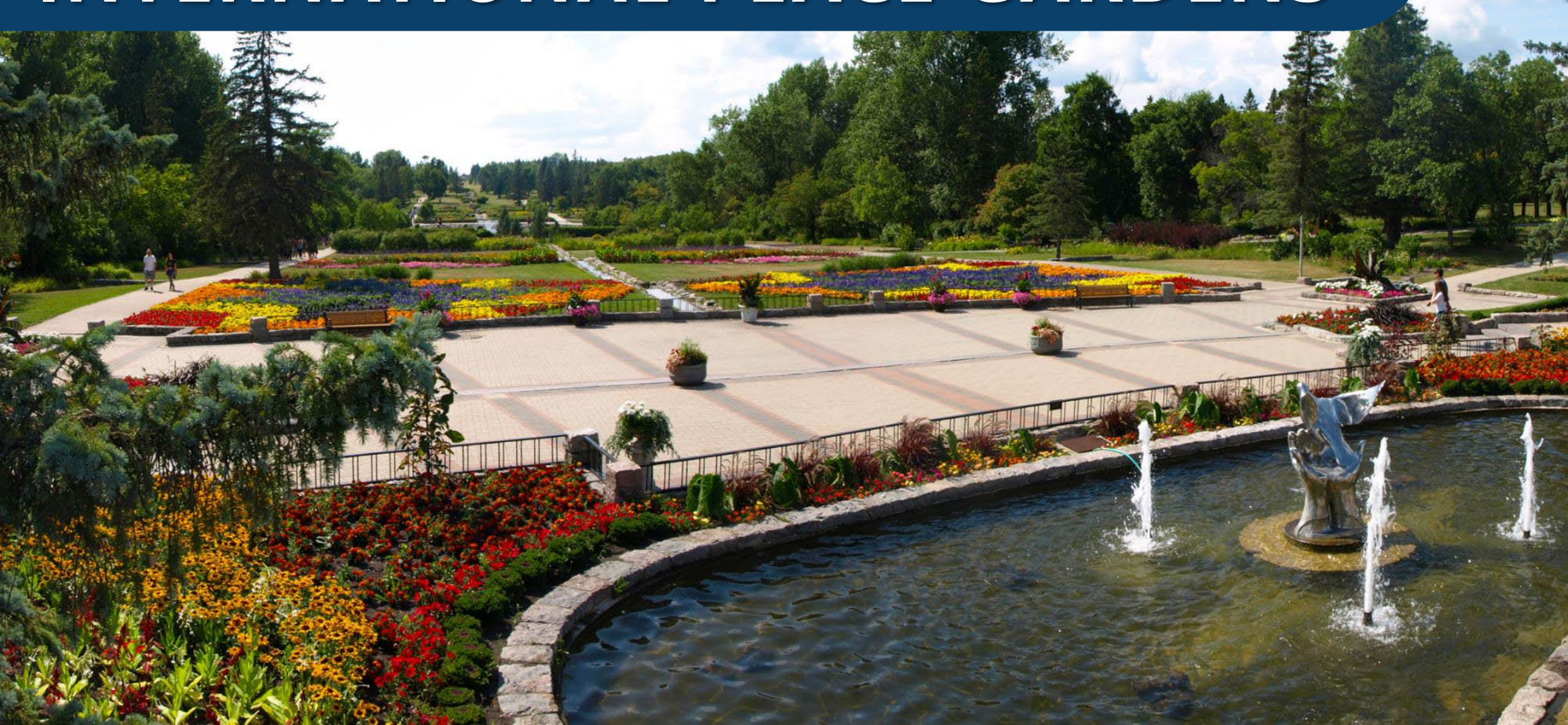
# 90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE **INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDENS**




Great dedication by 20,000 people. View looking southwest toward  
International Boundary. Present customs house at left. —convent of  
International Peace Gardens.



# 90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE **INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDENS**





A serene sunset scene over a body of water. In the foreground, a wooden pier extends from the bottom left towards the center. The water is calm, reflecting the warm orange and yellow hues of the setting sun. In the distance, a dark silhouette of a town or city is visible along the horizon, with some lights reflecting on the water. The sky is a deep, dark purple, suggesting twilight.

"COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING;  
KEEPING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS;  
WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS."

Edward Everett Hale  
19<sup>th</sup> century author and historian



EMPOWER PEOPLE  
IMPROVE LIVES  
INSPIRE SUCCESS







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