NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION ===

AMERICAN WIND WEEK

AUGUST 9-15, 2020

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota supports a diverse energy industry, which has dropped the average energy costs in the state to 12th lowest in the United States; and

WHEREAS, nearly 27 percent of North Dakota's energy comes from wind, with over 3,500 megawatts installed, producing enough electricity to power more than 986,000 homes; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is home to four wind-related manufacturing facilities and over 2,100 wind turbines, supporting more than 4,000 jobs throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, rural landowners across the state receive \$22 million in land lease payments from developers each year, providing a consistent stream of revenue for North Dakota's farmers, ranchers and landowners; and

WHEREAS, wind farms in North Dakota have attracted nearly \$7 billion dollars in capital investment to date and generate \$12 million in state and local tax payments each year, contributing to critical investments in education, infrastructure, public safety and more.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim August 9-15, 2020, AMERICAN WIND WEEK in the State of North Dakota.

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