

## PROCLAMATION **CAVALIER AIR FORCE STATION DAYS**OCTOBER 1-2, 2017

WHEREAS, since 1977, Cavalier Air Force Station in Cavalier, North Dakota, provides operational control of the Perimeter Acquisition Radar Attack Characterization System (PARCS) and today celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a synergistic hub for tracking security threats worldwide, serving as an essential component to the defense of North America and to global security; and

WHEREAS, countless space and ground sensor data collections are synthesized at Cavalier Air Force Station, providing vital information for the key threat assessments needed to ensure the safety and security of millions of people throughout North America; and

WHEREAS, the 10<sup>th</sup> Space Warning Squadron at Cavalier Air Force Station provides dedicated daily critical missile warning and space surveillance data to North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) and regional combatant commanders; and

WHEREAS, every day, more than 160 military and civilian personnel of the United States and Canada, residing in North Dakota and working at Cavalier Air Force Station, are ever vigilant in ensuring the collective common defense of North America; and

WHEREAS, Cavalier Air Force Station is a valuable national security asset; one of the greatest engineering marvels in North Dakota; and relevant both now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, today we celebrate the continued strength, professionalism, and endurance of the United States Air Force on its 70th birthday, as it supports the defense of North America, and remains critical to global security, not only today but also well into the future.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 1-2, 2017, **CAVALIER AIR FORCE STATION DAYS** in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgun Governor

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State