## NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION ===

## CREDIT UNION DAY

OCTOBER 21, 2021

WHEREAS, credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives, democratically owned and operated and founded by people working together toward economic advancement; and

WHEREAS, credit unions embrace a "people-helping-people" philosophy through the pooling of personal resources and leadership abilities for the good of the cooperative, empowering members to improve their financial futures and uniting to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, many credit unions have demonstrated outstanding leadership throughout the communities in which they have served since they were founded more than 150 years ago; and

WHEREAS, credit unions have championed the idea that people from all walks of life should have access to affordable financial services offered by credit unions; and

WHEREAS, credit unions empower people to improve their economic situations in 117 nations around the world at more than 89,000 credit unions that serve the financial needs of 260 million members, including nearly 215,000 members in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, credit unions are developing strong alliances that make financial democracy possible in many countries throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize the many contributions. both tangible and intangible, credit unions have made to communities in the state through the years and share their appreciation for the service and commitment of credit unions.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 21, 2021, CREDIT UNION DAY in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burg GOVERNOR

> **Alvin A. Jaeger** SECRETARY OF STATE