NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION ===

OCTOBER 19, 2023

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, 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 118 nations around the world at more than 87,000 credit unions that serve the financial needs of 393 million members, including more than 215,000 members in North Dakota associated through local, state, regional and international organizations sharing the same commitment to serving credit union members; 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 19, 2023, CREDIT UNION DAY in the State of North Dakota.

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