NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION ===

NAVY WEEKJULY 22-28, 2024

WHEREAS, the United States is a maritime nation, and the U.S. Navy protects America at sea, defends freedom, preserves economic prosperity and keeps the seas open and free; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Navy is instrumental in ensuring the safety and security of \$7.5 billion in annual exports, as of 2023, from the State of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, 13 ships have been named after the State of North Dakota, its cities, places and people, and our citizens take great pride in supporting our current namesake vessel, the USS North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the state of North Dakota is honored to have the presence of the U.S. Navy in our state; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Navy, and over 50 of its sailors from across the nation, will be in Fargo for the third annual Navy Week in conjunction with the Fargo AirSho, featuring the U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Navy will host special events and programs in the Fargo area to celebrate why the Navy matters to Fargo, increase the community's knowledge and understanding of the Navy and its global mission; and

WHEREAS, Fargo Navy Week includes engagements with corporate, civic, government, education and community service organizations, and several public events including free concerts by Navy Band Great Lakes.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim July 22-28, 2024, NAVY WEEK in the State of North Dakota.

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