NORTH DAKOTA

= PROCLAMATION ===

STEM DAY NOVEMBER 8, 2020

WHEREAS, North Dakota citizens recognize that STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education for all students is a link to our state's future prosperity, and we need students to develop problem-solving skills with creative solution theories to encourage the higher level cognitive development required for future workforce needs; and

WHEREAS, STEM education prepares students with the basic building blocks for successful post-secondary and workforce pathways which support targeted industries and potential expansion through diversification; and

WHEREAS, problem-solving, critical thinking, innovation and collaboration – all learned in STEM education – are universal and transferable skills in high demand across career fields; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts 15 of the 20 fastest growing fields will require significant math and science preparation; and

WHEREAS, Gateway to Science and the North Dakota STEM Ecosystem have provided significant leadership in the area of STEM, focusing on hands-on learning with real-world applications to help students develop a variety of skill sets; and

WHEREAS, National STEM Day was established November 8, 2015, to encourage children to explore and pursue their interests in science, technology, engineering and math skills in fun and engaging ways.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 8, 2020, STEM DAY in the State of North Dakota.

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