

PROCLAMATION PRINCIPALS MONTH OCTOBER 2014

WHEREAS, October is National Principals Month in accordance with the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the National Association of Elementary School Principals; and

WHEREAS, principals are educational visionaries, instructional and assessment leaders, disciplinarians and motivators, community builders, public relations authorities, budget analysts, facilities managers, special programs administrators and guardians of various legal and contractual obligations; and

WHEREAS, principals set the academic tone for their schools and work collaboratively with teachers to develop and maintain high curriculum standards, develop mission statements and set performance goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, the vision, dedication, and determination of a principal provides the mobilizing force behind any school reform effort; and

WHEREAS, leadership is second only to classroom instruction among all school-related factors that contribute to what students learn at school; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of 'National Principals Month' honors elementary, middle level, and high school principals and assistant principals and recognizes the importance of school leadership in ensuring that every child has access to high-quality education in North Dakota.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 2014, **PRINCIPALS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

Jack Dalrymple

Governor

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State