

NORTH DAKOTA GRAIN DEALERS ASSOCIATION

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TO: North Dakota Elevators and Allied Members

GRAIN DEALERS MARKS 100 YEARS GOVERNOR ISSUES PROCLAMATION



On May 23, 2011 the North Dakota Grain Dealers Association celebrates the 100th anniversary of its formation. North Dakota Governor Jack Dalrymple has issued a proclamation declaring that to be North Dakota Grain Dealers Association Day. A copy is part of this communication.

The organizational meeting of farmers and grain elevator operators was held in Devils Lakes on May 23, 1911. Since then it has grown to include

- Legislative and regulatory representation, state and national.
- An insurance agency writing grain warehouse bonds and more.
- A safety and health program for inspections and employee training.
- An Educational Foundation providing scholarships and equipment grants.
- A self-funded health insurance trust with health, dental and vision plans.
- An annual convention and industry show.
- An annual directory of North Dakota grain elevators.
- A monthly magazine published since 1917.
- Cooperation with similar groups in other states and the National Grain and Feed Association.

The Association is governed by a nine-person Board of Directors and employs a staff of five. Thirty-nine persons have served as President of the organization in those 100 years and seven people have served as Executive Vice President/Secretary.



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Jack Dalrymple
Governor

PROCLAMATION
NORTH DAKOTA GRAIN DEALERS ASSOCIATION DAY
MAY 23, 2011

WHEREAS, grain production has been an integral part of North Dakota's history and continues to be an integral part of the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, the bountiful grain harvests of this state move through elevators, large and small, that have stood and continue to stand as proud hallmarks of our great agricultural traditions; and


WHEREAS, the North Dakota Grain Dealers Association, and its predecessor, the Farmers' Grain Dealers Association of North Dakota, have through their voluntary membership represented the interests of this state's grain elevators in legislative and regulatory settings; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Grain Dealers Association continues to represent and promote the interests of grain elevators through safety inspections, employee training, bonding and insurance services, publications, education and convention and industry trade shows; and

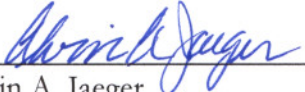
WHEREAS, the North Dakota Grain Dealers Association, through its educational foundation, makes available scholarships and grants to students who are interested in pursuing careers in agriculture and supports agricultural programs at schools and institutions of higher education throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2011, the North Dakota Grain Dealers Association will celebrate 100 years of service to North Dakota's agriculture industry and the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 23, 2011, **NORTH DAKOTA GRAIN DEALERS ASSOCIATION DAY** in the state of North Dakota.


Jack Dalrymple
Governor

ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State