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North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Jack Dalrymple
Governor

PROCLAMATION
100 YEARS OF EXTENSION WEEK
MAY 4-10, 2014

WHEREAS, May 8, 2014, marks the centennial of the signing of the Smith-Lever Act, which established Cooperative Extension, the nationwide transformational education system operating through land-grant universities in partnership with federal, state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Sen. Hoke Smith of Georgia and U.S. Rep. A.F. Lever of South Carolina authored the Smith-Lever Act to expand the “vocational, agricultural and home demonstration programs in rural America” by bringing the research-based knowledge of the land-grant universities to people where they live and work; and

WHEREAS, the 14th North Dakota Legislative Assembly established on the North Dakota Agricultural College campus an Extension division, known today as the North Dakota State University Extension Service, including a 4-H program, and education in agriculture and home economics; and

WHEREAS, the NDSU Extension Service is a critical component of the three-part, land-grant mission of NDSU and works collaboratively with the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station and academic departments to provide services in all communities of the state through 53 local Extension offices, seven Research Extension Centers and the main campus in Fargo; and

WHEREAS, Extension-area and state specialists work together with local agents to engage with rural and urban learners through practical, community-based and online approaches to strengthen the profitability of animal and plant production systems, protect natural resources, help people make healthful lifestyle choices, ensure a safe and abundant food supply, encourage community vitality, provide rapid response to disasters and emergencies, and grow the next generation of leaders; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to observe and celebrate the centennial by engaging in Extension learning opportunities designed to extend knowledge and change lives, and recognize all those involved in bringing Extension services to our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 4-10, 2014, **100 YEARS OF EXTENSION WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.


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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State