

# Celebrate North Dakota



# Family Week November 13th–19th, 2011

"And said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.'" Matthew 19:5 NKJV



State of  
**North Dakota**  
Office of the Governor

Jack Dalrymple  
Governor

PROCLAMATION  
**FAMILY WEEK**  
NOVEMBER 13-19, 2011

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota is blessed with a multitude of families that represent an integral part of our state's cultural, social and spiritual fabric; and

**WHEREAS**, families are indispensable to a stable and free society, and pass along the traditions and principles that make this state and country strong; and

**WHEREAS**, families provide a foundation of values and virtues, and instill responsibility and character in our children; and

**WHEREAS**, responsible parents, grandparents and extended family ensure our children grow up in loving, stable homes and help prepare them for futures of hope and opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to recognize the service and sacrifice of military families in our state who have borne the hardships of war with courage and devotion; and

**WHEREAS**, Family Week provides an opportunity to promote the family, encourage families to spend time together, and bring special awareness and focus to the caring of orphans.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 13-19, 2011, **FAMILY WEEK** in the state of North Dakota and call upon citizens to observe this week with appropriate activities to honor the family.

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Please Celebrate and help maintain the importance of family values in North Dakota by planning events focusing on the family, families spending time together and especially highlighting the importance of marriage.

– Family Activity Ideas: Eat evening meals together. Plan a family bowling or movie outing. Read a book or play board games together. Write letters to family members saying why you admire them. Reminisce good times with immediate and extended family and talk about the importance of marriage.

– Church Activity Ideas: Offer a sermon about the importance of the sanctity of marriage. Direct and encourage others in the church (staff, ministry leaders, small group leaders, etc) to place special emphasis on promoting marriage and its importance to the family.

– School Activity Ideas: Include a note in the school newsletter or send home flyers promoting Family Week and encouraging strong families; encourage students and teachers to plan activities highlighting the family with special emphasis on marriage.

– Business Activity Ideas: Host family appreciation events, family-related promotions and sales, or family-type entertainment, displays, or attractions and give special recognition to those who celebrate marriages.

– Military Family Support: Recognize the service of military members and the sacrifice made by their families by saying "thank you," and providing a kind word or act of service for any who may have lost a loved one.

During Family Week and in the months to come, find ways to strengthen your family and encourage others as well to learn about the sanctity of marriage, and the importance of a life-long commitment, and its importance to the family.

# North Dakota Family Alliance

