



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Jack Dalrymple
Governor

PROCLAMATION
SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS DAY
FEBRUARY 14, 2015

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, in 2014 there were a reported 578,424 homeless individuals living in the United States, nearly one-quarter of which were children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, from 2012 to 2013, North Dakota's homeless population doubled to about 2,068 individuals; and

WHEREAS, all donations of clothing to organizations assisting the homeless population in North Dakota are desperately needed and appreciated, socks are a high-demand item that are rarely thought of;

WHEREAS, socks are a basic need and assist in combatting frostbite, hypothermia, blisters and ulcers, all of which could ultimately lead to possible amputation; and

WHEREAS, the need for clean, dry socks is imperative to decrease the likelihood of fungal and bacterial infections that can lead to cellulitis and skin infection; and

WHEREAS, all North Dakotans are urged to raise awareness for the plight of homeless individuals, to donate basic needs like socks to local organizations assisting the homeless population in North Dakota or contact their local homeless shelter to find out what items are needed most for donation.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 14, 2015, **SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS DAY** in the state of North Dakota.


Jack Dalrymple
Governor

ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State