



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Jack Dalrymple
Governor

PROCLAMATION
NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS RESEARCH LABORATORY DAY
JULY 19, 2012

WHEREAS, the citizens of Mandan worked diligently for many years encouraging the United States Congress to establish a research facility in their community to support homesteaders in the northern Great Plains; and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 1912, Congress established the Northern Great Plains Field Station, which was later renamed the Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory; and

WHEREAS, for 100 years, the Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory has provided research on national and regional priorities, while focusing on local customer needs; and

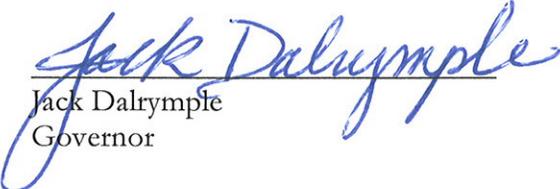
WHEREAS, the lab's early research and propagation of hearty shelterbelt trees and vegetable and fruit varieties capable of surviving the northern climate sustained early settlers in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Great Plains facility has provided pioneering research in no-till farming technology, leading to increased soil conservation, reduced food production costs and North Dakota family farm profitability; and

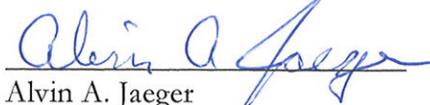
WHEREAS, the lab has also taken a lead role in reducing unproductive fallow acres in North Dakota by 84 percent and in the technical transfer of new science to family farmers and ranchers; and

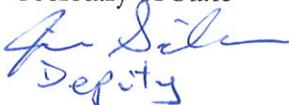
WHEREAS, a century of important research at Northern Great Plains has had a lasting impact on the economy of our state and the lives of our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim July 19, 2012, **NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS RESEARCH LABORATORY DAY** in the state of North Dakota.


Jack Dalrymple
Governor

ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State


Deputy