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### **DALRYMPLE, WRIGLEY KICK OFF NORTH DAKOTA'S 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF STATEHOOD**

BISMARCK, ND – Gov. Jack Dalrymple, Lt. Gov. Drew Wrigley and members of the North Dakota 125<sup>th</sup> Planning Committee today officially kicked off the year-long celebration of North Dakota's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of statehood. The Governor and Lt. Governor unveiled the official 125<sup>th</sup> logo and announced details of signature events planned for the year during a kick-off event at the state Capitol that was attended by the public.

“We are excited to kick off this year-long commemoration celebrating the anniversary of our statehood and the rich heritage and founding values that have defined our great state for 125 years,” Dalrymple said. “We have so much to be proud of and thankful for in North Dakota and this anniversary is a great opportunity to reflect on our progress and celebrate the people and events that have helped make us what we are today.”

During the event, Dalrymple and Wrigley unveiled the official 125<sup>th</sup> celebration logo that will be used all year to promote and brand anniversary events and activities. The logo was designed by Eric Falde of West Fargo as part of a statewide contest where the public was invited to submit design ideas for the logo. The winning logo includes a bison head, along with sheafs of wheat.

Wrigley announced two statewide signature events that will be held Aug. 16 and Nov. 2, the state's official 125<sup>th</sup> birthday. The August event will be held on the Capitol grounds and will showcase the best of North Dakota with home-grown entertainment, food, crafts and games. Two of the acts confirmed to perform at the event – Tigirlily and Chuck Suchy – were at the Capitol to provide a preview of this summer's scheduled entertainment. Other performers announced today include The Burning Hills Singers, The Blenders, Mitch Malloy, Robbie Vee, Jesse Veeder, Dakota Air, Keith Bear, Kevin Locke and Greg Hager.

The commemoration of the state's official birthday on Nov. 2 will coincide with the grand opening of the new North Dakota Heritage Center. Activities for the public will be planned at both the Capitol and the Heritage Center for that day. More details will be announced closer to the date.

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“As North Dakotans, we have been blessed in many ways and this historic milestone is a perfect occasion to celebrate our heritage and the success we have worked for 125 years to achieve,” Wrigley said. “We are pleased to officially kick off this yearlong celebration and provide our citizens with exciting opportunities to honor our past and celebrate the remarkable promise of North Dakota’s future.”

The 125<sup>th</sup> Planning Committee is working with communities and organizations across the state to create additional events and promotional opportunities throughout the year. Wrigley encouraged communities to organize their own local and regional celebrations to get everyone involved in the commemoration. Information on regional and community events will be available as plans and details are confirmed.

To keep the public informed of all the exciting activities planned throughout the year, the committee is launching a website, Facebook page and Twitter page. The public is encouraged to follow the celebrations on Facebook and Twitter at NorthDakota125 and by visiting [www.history.nd.gov](http://www.history.nd.gov).

To commemorate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Tourism Division of the North Dakota Department of Commerce has developed a list of 125 ways for residents and visitors alike to LuvND and experience all North Dakota has to offer. The complete list can be found at [www.luvnd.com](http://www.luvnd.com).

For more information about the anniversary commemoration, planning a local event or using the official logo, please contact Janean Rambough at 701.328.1430 or [jmrambough@nd.gov](mailto:jmrambough@nd.gov).

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