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## Home Builders Association of Fargo-Moorhead

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## Local dignitaries to proclaim June as Homeownership Month

**WEST FARGO, N.D.** – Mayors of Fargo, West Fargo, Moorhead, and Dilworth will sign a proclamation at 10 a.m. June 9 at Sheyenne 9th Grade Center, 800 40th Ave. E., West Fargo, designating June as Homeownership Month for each city.

Organizations involved in housing such as the F-M Area Association of Realtors, Home Builders Association of Fargo-Moorhead, The Village Family Service Center, and local city governments, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, will also participate. They will cover local, state and federal incentives for housing that make the dream of homeownership even easier to attain.

Press conference attendees will include: Fargo Mayor Dennis Walaker; West Fargo Mayor Rich Mattern; Moorhead Mayor Mark Voxland; Dilworth Mayor Chad Olson; Brenda Martinson from the F-M Area Association of Realtors; and Home Builders Association of F-M President Terry Becker.

Local communities promote homeownership by providing city incentives. Fargo and Moorhead offer home buyer education classes through The Village Family Service Center. Those participating in the home buyer education seminars may be eligible for down payment assistance depending on income. The Village has been offering home buyer education since 1994, and a fact sheet on these services will be available at the event.

The focus of National Homeownership Month is to recognize efforts to strengthen communities and to give countless American families the information necessary to achieve their dream of homeownership. With today's continuing low interest rates, homeownership has never been more accessible to so many people. Contributing to a strong economy, home ownership enriches families and has come to symbolize the realization of the American Dream. Home equity accounts for more than half of the total net wealth of the typical home-owning family, making homeownership the primary source of a household's net worth and the fundamental first step toward accumulating personal wealth.

The HBA of F-M is a non-profit trade association of over 800 members that has been in existence since 1956. Its mission is to provide quality services, benefits and education to members and the community while representing the collective interests of the home building industry.

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