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Athlete Oath

*Let me win. But if I cannot win,
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20** **VIRTUAL
SUMMER
GAMES**

Opening Ceremony
and
Awards Presentation

June 11, 2020



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Dear Athletes, Families, Coaches and Friends:

Congratulations to all of the athletes, volunteers and families that are a part of the first ever Virtual State Summer Games. The decision to not conduct an "in person" State Summer Games in Fargo which were to be held on June 4-6 was not an easy decision to make. The State Summer Games gives you, our athletes, the opportunity to showcase your strength and abilities and our focus now is keeping our athletes strong. Yet, this is still incredibly disappointing as you (our athletes) pour your heart and soul into your training and you count on the Special Olympics community for a sense of purpose and belonging. For this reason, we are showcasing you and giving you a new and different opportunity to demonstrate your talents and stay connected through a "Virtual" event.

Close to sixty competitors with intellectual disabilities demonstrated their skills in Track & Field and Strength (Powerlifting). Your role is vital for our movement as you are helping to transform attitudes, create accepting communities, and empower others to share in the amazing experience of Special Olympics.

Together, our movement believes in creating a world where each person, regardless of ability, is accepted and welcomed, and where every individual contributes to the strength and vibrancy of the whole. Sports is a universal language which unites people on and off the field of play, and its lessons are relevant to all of us – families, youth, educators, medical professionals and government leaders. When people are touched by the Special Olympics movement, traditional barriers of race, ethnicity, education level, social status, religion, and economic background disappear and the human race as a whole prevails.

The extraordinary moments of accomplishment that took place in your homes or backyards are only possible because of the dedicated army of family members, staff and devoted fans for whom we are enormously grateful. Many thanks to the on-going financial support of this event through the Law Enforcement Torch Run®, Knights of Columbus, North Dakota Athletic Trainers Association, Kiwanis Club of Fargo, Crane Johnson Lumber Co., Western State Bank, and Fargo Moorhead Convention and Visitors Bureau. For the years of loyal support to our program and athletes, we thank you.

Special Olympics North Dakota is *Powered by Sport* and the magic that happens through simple engagement of a virtual event will be a new type of fuel that continues to ignite a revolution of acceptance and respect. Our hope is when the dangers of COVID-19 diminish, every athlete will have the experience that they will treasure throughout their life, that every fan will cheer with gusto and that every person who participates as a fan will be touched by the human greatness they will witness.

Sincerely,

Aaron Hummel
Chairman of the Board

Kathleen Meagher
President/CEO

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SCHEELS



LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

2019-2020 State Leadership

Kevin Arthaud	Bismarck Transition Center
Joshua Beto	Richland County Sheriff's Office
Daniel Bower	Minot Air Force Base
Eva Burman	Burleigh/Morton Detention Center
Erik Clemenson	North Dakota Air Guard
Lori Flaten	Mandan Police Department
Clint Fuller	Bismarck Police Department
Karen Grinder	Grand Forks Air Force Base
Kallie Gruman	Barnes County Sheriff's Office
Thomas Horsley	US Customs & Border Protection
Wayne Mack	Grand Forks County Correctional Center
Ben Mortenson	James River Corrections Center
Travis Nelson	North Dakota Highway Patrol
Brandi Netolicky	James River Corrections Center
Jacob Olson	Minot Police Department
Dale Plessas	Minot Police Department
Jenn Rewald	Burleigh/Morton Detention Center
Dora Roll	West Fargo Police Department
Emily Schares	Fargo Police Department
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Schedule of Events

Welcome : Aaron Hummel, SOND Board Chairman

Showcase of Delegations

Lighting of the Olympic Flame: Trevor Bratvold, Grand Forks-SOND Male Athlete of the Year and Trooper Travis Nelson, North Dakota Highway Patrol

Opening Remarks: Wayne Stenehjem, North Dakota Attorney General
 Kathleen Meagher, SOND President & CEO

Coaches Oath-Chantel Keller, Dickinson-SOND Coach of the Year

Athlete Oath-Melissa Moran, Wahpeton-SOND Female Athlete of the Year

Opening of the Games: Tim Shriver, SOI Chairman of the Board

Awards Presentation



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