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## **NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY AUDITORS ASSOCIATION NAMED 2024 ELECTION HERO AWARD RECIPIENT**

**BISMARCK, ND** –North Dakota Secretary of State Michael Howe has named the North Dakota County Auditors Association as the recipient of the 2024 North Dakota Election Hero Award. The honor was presented October 21 during the opening session of the North Dakota Association of Counties (NDACo) Annual Conference.

“We would not be able to hold North Dakota elections without the hard work and dedication of our state’s county auditors,” says Secretary Howe. “The County Auditors Association gives them the opportunity to have conversations and support each other as they administer North Dakota’s elections securely and with integrity.”

The County Auditors Association was nominated by North Dakota Elections Director Erika White, who highlighted the work that auditors and their staff put into running elections.

“Auditors follow laws and processes, test equipment, train election workers, and ensure each voter in our great state has access to the ballot box,” said White. “Being a county auditor is sometimes a thankless job, but each one takes great pride in the services they're offering the voters of North Dakota.”

Formed in the early 1900s, the North Dakota County Auditors Association helps the 53 county auditors in North Dakota keep up to date with changing methods of administration and with laws affecting their offices.

The North Dakota Election Hero Award was created in honor of National Election Hero Day, which celebrates the importance of election teams, poll workers, state leaders, and the many people who work to provide safe, secure, and accessible elections. This is the second year the award has been presented in North Dakota.

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*Photo Caption (Group Photo): North Dakota County Auditors accept the 2024 Election Hero award presented by North Dakota Secretary of State Michael Howe.*

*Photo Caption (Award): The North Dakota Election Hero Award celebrates the importance of election teams, poll workers, state leaders, and the many people who work to provide safe, secure, and accessible elections.*