



**John Hoeven**, Governor of North Dakota, was elected in 2000 and reelected to a third term in 2008. Governor Hoeven has prioritized development of the state's fossil and renewable energy resources and industries, including launching EmPowerND to develop a multi-resource state energy policy, with incentives in each energy sector. He has also supported increased funding for teacher salaries and initiatives such as Centers of Excellence that build partnerships between education and research institutions and the private sector. Governor Hoeven has chaired the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, Governors' Ethanol Coalition, Midwestern Governors Association and the National Governors Association's Health and Human Services Committee and Natural Resources Committee. He served as Executive Vice President of First Western Bank in Minot from 1986 to 1993 and as President and CEO of the Bank of North Dakota from 1993 to 2000. Born in Bismarck, Governor Hoeven earned a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College in 1979 and a MBA from Northwestern University in 1981.