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February 1st is National Unclaimed Property Day

Take 30 seconds to search for your cash at <u>unclaimedproperty.nd.gov</u>

BISMARCK, N.D. (JAN. 31, 2024) – Whether it's from an uncashed check, a forgotten bank account, or a refund, everyone loves finding their money. It only takes 30 seconds to find out if you have any unclaimed property.

1 in every 7 – has what the industry calls unclaimed property: financial accounts or items of value in which the owner has not initiated any activity for a number of years. When that happens, and the company cannot locate the owner, the money or properties are submitted to the state. Common examples include unpaid life insurance benefits, forgotten bank accounts, and uncashed checks.

"States are required to return unclaimed property to its owner no matter how long it takes," said Joseph Heringer, Administrator of North Dakota's Unclaimed Property Program. "It is your money and should be returned to you."

The National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators (NAUPA) leads and facilitates collaboration among states, businesses, and the public in efforts to reunite unclaimed property with rightful owners. More than \$5.4 billion dollars in unclaimed property was returned to rightful owners by state unclaimed property programs in FY 2023.

If you have lived in any other state, search for your unclaimed property today at <u>missingmoney.com</u>, or for North Dakota property, visit our website: <u>unclaimedproperty.nd.gov</u>. **It could be the best 30 seconds you spend today!**

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About The National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators The National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators (NAUPA) is comprised of the unclaimed property programs of all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, as well as several foreign jurisdictions. The organization's objective is to facilitate collaboration and otherwise support program administrators in reuniting all unclaimed assets with rightful owners. NAUPA is an affiliate of the bipartisan National Association of State Treasurers.