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## **FOREIGN MINISTER OF ICELAND TO VISIT PEMBINA COUNTY**

*Minister Gylfadóttir to attend 123rd annual Deuce of August Celebration in Mountain*

MOUNTAIN, N.D. - The Icelandic Communities Association is honored to announce that Iceland Minister for Foreign Affairs, Her Excellency Thórdís Kolbrún Reykfjörð Gylfadóttir, will attend the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Deuce of August Icelandic Celebration in Mountain on Saturday, July 30. She will be the Keynote Speaker at the Heritage Program at 2 p.m. in the Mountain Community Center and will be featured in the Saturday morning Parade at 10:30 a.m.

Minister Gylfadóttir took office as Minister for Foreign Affairs on November 28, 2021. The office is the equivalent of the Secretary of State of the United States. She previously served as Minister of Tourism, Industry, and Innovation from 2017-2021. She has been a member of the Icelandic Parliament since 2016 as a member of the Independence Party. She has also served as the Minister of Justice in 2019, and as a Teacher of Constitutional and Administrative Law at Reykjavik University from 2013 to 2015.

The Deuce of August Icelandic Celebration has been certified by the North Dakota Tourism Department as the longest running ethnic festival in North Dakota and is the largest Icelandic ethnic event in the United States. Pembina County has one of the largest ethnic Icelandic populations in the country. The event runs from Friday, July 29 through Sunday, July 31. For more information on the event visit <http://thedeuce.org/> or on Facebook @ August the Deuce.