



**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-39**

**WHEREAS**, a state of emergency was declared by Governor Doug Burgum on March 13, 2020, in response to the public health crisis resulting from COVID-19; Executive Order 2020-03 activated the State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP), implementing appropriate response and recovery actions and future mitigation measures; and,

**WHEREAS**, with the guidance and assistance of the State Health Officer and the Director of Emergency Operations, the State has actively responded to the crisis; significant efforts have been made by North Dakota citizens across the state to limit the spread of COVID-19; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of public health and safety, Executive Order 2020-13 was issued on March 26, 2020, to protect the right of all eligible citizens to vote in the June, 2020 primary election; and,

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 2020-13 temporarily suspended the operation of certain state election laws in those counties where the county commission board had approved and authorized mail ballot ("absentee ballot") elections under NDCC § 16.1-11.1-01, for the June 2020 election; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of Executive Order 2020-13 has been fulfilled.

**NOW THEREFORE**, Doug Burgum, Governor of North Dakota, by virtue of the authority under Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution and North Dakota Century Code Chapter 37-17.1, hereby rescind Executive Order 2020-13, effective immediately.

Executed at the State Capitol in Bismarck, North Dakota, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

Handwritten signature of Doug Burgum in blue ink.

Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Heidi J. Galt in blue ink.  
Secretary of State