

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

DAY OF PRAYER MAY 2, 2024

WHEREAS, throughout the history of the United States of America, faith has been deeply rooted in the foundation and history of this great nation; and

WHEREAS, from the first gatherings of our Founding Fathers, elected officials have prayed and entreated those they serve and represent to join in prayer, including the authors of the Declaration of Independence, who wrote, "the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world": and

WHEREAS, unified prayer is mobilized across America every first Thursday of May on the National Day of Prayer as neighbors come together to join their hearts and voices in reading sacred Scriptures and attending services to seek God for the city and country where we live, learn, work, worship, serve and desire all to thrive; and

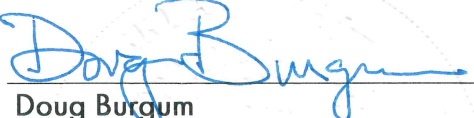
WHEREAS, in every state across America the observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024, with the theme, "Lift Up the Word, Light Up the World," based on the verses found in 2 Samuel 22:29-31, "For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness ... This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him"; and

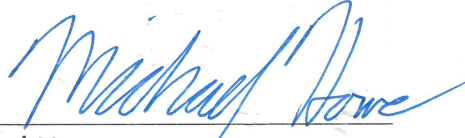
WHEREAS, a National Day of Prayer has been part of our heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775 and a Public Law established in the United States Congress in 1952 approved by a Joint Resolution and later amended by Congress and President Reagan with Public Law 100-307 in 1988, affirming that it is essential for us as a nation to pray and directing the President of the United States to set aside and proclaim the first Thursday of May annually as a National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, on the National Day of Prayer, we express our faith and exercise our freedom in prayer while uniting our hearts and voices in personal prayer and public gatherings throughout North Dakota and across the United States with fervent praise, repentance, love and humble intercession for our neighbors and nation, holding fast to the promises throughout the Holy Scriptures that the Lord hears and avails much as He answers the faith-filled prayers of His people.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
May 2, 2024, DAY OF PRAYER in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE