



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
COWBOY POETRY WEEK
APRIL 16-22, 2017

WHEREAS, throughout the history of the American West and North Dakota, cowboy poets have played a large part in preserving western heritage and culture through oral and written poetry; and

WHEREAS, the endearing qualities of these old stories and poems demonstrate that cowboy poetry is a cherished part of North Dakota's legendary history and culture; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota has produced well-respected contemporary cowboy poets and hosts important cowboy poetry gatherings in Medora and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize the important role cowboy poetry plays in preserving our state's rich heritage, while promoting the proud traditions and values of our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 16-22, 2017, **COWBOY POETRY WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.


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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State