



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
DAY OF PRAYER
MAY 4, 2017

WHEREAS, the 66th observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2017, with the theme "For Your Great Name's Sake, Hear Us, Forgive Us, Heal Us" based on Daniel 9:19, "O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act! For Your Sake, O my God;" 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 reaffirmed by the United States Congress in 1952, which approved a Joint Resolution setting aside a day each year to pray in our nation; and


WHEREAS, the United States Congress, by Public Law 100-307, in 1988, as amended, affirms that it is essential for us as a nation to pray and directs 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, leaders and citizens of our nation are afforded the privilege of prayer, affirming our spiritual heritage and the principles upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, we unite with fellow citizens to exercise the freedom we have to gather in prayer with thankfulness while seeking guidance, provision, protection and purpose for the benefit of every individual and our state as a whole; and

WHEREAS: We specifically thank God for those who defend our freedoms and ask for peace throughout our state, nation and world.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 4, 2017, a **DAY OF PRAYER** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State