



State of  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**LAW DAY**  
MAY 1, 2017

**WHEREAS**, Law Day is an occasion of public acknowledgement of our nation's and North Dakota's heritage of justice, liberty, and equality under the law; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress has statutorily designated May 1st as the Annual Day for Commemoration of Law Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Bar Association has designated Law Day 2017's theme to be "The Fourteenth Amendment: Transforming American Democracy" in recognition of the numerous contributions to American law and society of one of the most often cited constitutional enactments; and

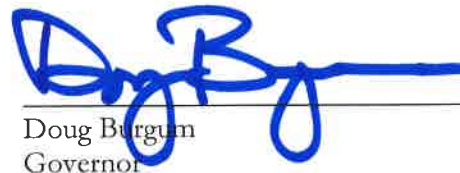
**WHEREAS**, the Fourteenth Amendment, in the nearly century and a half that has elapsed since its ratification, has greatly expanded the constitutional protections available to all through its clauses guaranteeing due process and equal protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fourteenth Amendment has served as the vehicle by which many of the protections in the Bill of Rights have been found to be enforceable against state and local government actions that infringe upon fundamental liberties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fourteenth Amendment constitutionally defined national citizenship for the first time and guaranteed that the privileges or immunities of United States citizenship would not be denied to any individual citizen; and

**WHEREAS**, promoting public understanding of the roots of our freedom is an important component in the civic education of the citizens of the United States and of the State of North Dakota.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 1, 2017, **LAW DAY** in the State of North Dakota.

  
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Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State