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Through: Lee K. dePalo
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Dear Mr. Byard:

Under the provisions of 44 C.F.R. §206.36(a), I hereby request an extension until Dec. 25, 2019, to submit a request for a major disaster for the State of North Dakota as a result of historic fall flooding that occurred from Oct. 9, 2019, to Oct. 26, 2019.

Pursuant to 44 C.F.R. §206.36(a), I am submitting this written request for an extension within 30 days of the occurrence of the incident. Historic precipitation levels and ongoing, widespread flooding has prevented access to damaged areas and the completion of local government Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs). Many of the local governments experiencing fall flooding are also in the process of addressing severe agricultural impacts associated with the recently declared Secretarial Disaster Designation which was approved for 47 of North Dakota’s 53 counties on Nov. 8, 2019.

At this time, PDAs are expected to be completed by Dec. 6, 2019, and the major disaster declaration request will be submitted to FEMA no later than Dec. 25, 2019.

Maj. Gen. Alan S. Dohrmann and Homeland Security Director Cody Schulz have been designated as the State Coordinating Officers for this request. They will work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and may provide further information or justification on my behalf.

Sincerely,

Doug Burgum
Governor

cc: MG Alan S. Dohrmann, Director, North Dakota Department of Emergency Services
    Cody Schulz, Director, North Dakota Division of Homeland Security
    Justin Messner, Disaster Recovery Chief, North Dakota Division of Homeland Security