



**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-04**

**WHEREAS**, certain Executive Orders issued during the COVID-19 state of emergency have fulfilled the stated objectives and are no longer necessary.

**NOW THEREFORE**, Doug Burgum, Governor of North Dakota, by virtue of the authority under Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution and North Dakota Century Code 37-17.1, orders that the following Executive Order has fulfilled its stated objectives and is hereby terminated, effective immediately.

Executive Order 2020-25 was issued on April 8, 2020, in the interests of public health and safety.

The Order granted a temporary suspension of statutes governing the location of public hearings conducted by the Public Service Commission on permit applications, allowing public hearings to be conducted by remote means.

The Order also granted a temporary suspension of the statute governing the location of auctions for public land leasing conducted by the Commissioner of University and School Lands, allowing auctions to be conducted by remote means.

This order is issued pursuant to the following authority and for the following reasons:

1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1, of the North Dakota Constitution.
2. The Governor is authorized to issue executive orders to minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to NDCC Chapter 37-17.1, and to terminate any executive orders that have fulfilled the intended purposes and are no longer necessary.
3. A coordinated and effective effort of appropriate government departments is required to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters in this state.

Executed at the State Capitol in Bismarck, North Dakota, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

Handwritten signature of Doug Burgum in blue ink.

Doug Burgum  
Governor

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Alvin A. Jaeger in blue ink.

Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State