

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2018-02**

WHEREAS, the safety and security of the United States and the citizens of North Dakota depend upon strong and sustainable military communities that support the Active Component, National Guard, and Reserve forces and their families and encourage the growth of military missions within the State; and,

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota can best support the military forces, military families, and further military missions within our State through a comprehensive and strategic plan to create opportunities to grow and promote our military communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, an effective strategic plan requires input from the Active Component, North Dakota National Guard and Reserve forces, leaders from military communities, and representatives from state government; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Governor is vested with executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution to convene groups dedicated to addressing issues of importance to the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, Doug Burgum, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, hereby establishes the North Dakota Commission on Military Promotion and Strategic Sustainment (NDCOMPASS). This Commission shall consist of nine (9) voting members, appointed by the Governor, representing the interests of the National Guard and Reserve forces, representatives from military communities and state government. The Governor shall designate the Chair of the Commission.

## NDCOMPASS shall:

- 1. Develop a comprehensive statewide strategy to retain and promote North Dakota military installations and identify opportunities for sustainment and growth of relevant missions;
- 2. Promote policies and programs that highlight North Dakota as a military friendly state and enhance quality of life for military members and their families in our communities.

This Order is effective immediately.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this day of January 2018.

Attest: