## NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION ===

## 130TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORTH DAKOTA STATEHOOD NOVEMBER 2, 2019

WHEREAS, on November 2, 1889, at 2:40 p.m. CT, North Dakota joined the United States of America as the 39th state in the union when President Benjamin Harrison signed the Proclamation of Admission for North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the Territory of Dakota was split into two states, North Dakota and South Dakota, which became the 39th and 40th states in the union on November 2, 1889, yet it is unknown between the two which state's Proclamation of Admission was signed first, as President Harrison concealed the order in which the proclamations were signed by shuffling and signing the papers blindly, not wanting to show favor by admitting either state first; and

WHEREAS, from the first inhabitants of the land, to the adventurous explorers who studied it, to the immigrant settlers who built a life here, generations of North Dakotans have made this land their home throughout history and 130 years of statehood, contributing to the culture and legend of the state; and

WHEREAS, from the abundance of the Red River Valley to the splendor of the Badlands, North Dakota offers unparalleled experiences inspired by authentic adventure and the prospect to live a life less ordinary; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is a state of boundless opportunity fueled by technology, innovation and endless ingenuity, home to incomparable people driven by a resilient, self-sufficient, enterprising spirit; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2019, North Dakotans celebrate the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of North Dakota statehood grateful for the change and progress throughout the years and inspired by the contributions of all those who came before and by all that is yet to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 2, 2019, the 130<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF NORTH DAKOTA STATEHOOD in the State of North Dakota.

ON NORTH DESCRIPTION

Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE