NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION ===

ARBOR DAY MAY 5, 2023

WHEREAS, Arbor Day in North Dakota falls on the first Friday of May and honors the role trees play in our lives; tree planting is also an annual tradition in North Dakota and an investment in the state's future; and

WHEREAS, healthy, diverse tree resources are vital components of any urban and rural planting efforts and particularly in re-establishment efforts following catastrophic events; and

WHEREAS, trees make direct and visible contributions to our health, safety and economy by providing clean air and water, wind protection and erosion control, wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, essential wood products and beauty; and

WHEREAS, trees instill community pride, work as living snow fences, screen unpleasant sights, increase property values and memorialize significant events; and

WHEREAS, tree planting efforts continue to promote the importance of trees and symbolically represent a commitment to the past, present and future by creating a living legacy; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Forest Service will join the community of LaMoure on May 16, 2023, to celebrate Arbor Day and plant a memorial tree; and

WHEREAS, planting trees is the perfect way to leave a valuable gift for future generations to enjoy.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 5, 2023, ARBOR DAY in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

Michael Howe SECRETARY OF STATE