

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### ARCHIVES MONTH OCTOBER 2023

**WHEREAS**, historical societies, museums, libraries, religious institutions, colleges and universities, businesses and families document and preserve their history; and

**WHEREAS**, archives throughout the state collectively contain over 150 years of unique materials, including state and local government records, letters, diaries, photographs, moving images and modern electronic records; and

**WHEREAS**, archivists are custodians of the records of our history, containing evidence of decisions made and actions taken, as well as information of importance on people, places and events; and

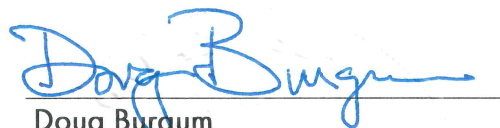
**WHEREAS**, archives are crucial to collecting, preserving and making records accessible to present and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, through these archives, future generations of North Dakotans can more accurately study the past, learn from the accomplishments of their predecessors, trace their ancestors and understand their community's heritage, while celebrating the history of our state; and

**WHEREAS**, archives help form a respect for the past, gratitude for the present and inspiration for the future by preserving the stories and activities of the diverse people, groups, organizations and government of North Dakota.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
October 2023, **ARCHIVES MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE