

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### ARSON AWARENESS WEEK MAY 5-11, 2024

WHEREAS, arson and fire-related crimes rob communities of their valuable assets, lives and property; and

WHEREAS, arson destroys more than just buildings; it can devastate a community, resulting in a decline through increased insurance premiums, loss of business revenue and decreased property values; and

WHEREAS, intentionally set fires occur for various reasons by people of all ages and in all corners of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the fatality rate for intentionally set residential fires is more than twice that of other residential building fires; and

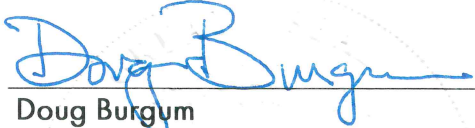
WHEREAS, North Dakota fire districts reported 178 intentionally set fires in 2023; and

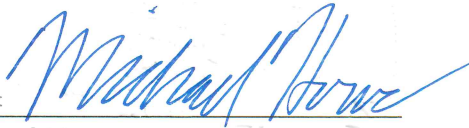
WHEREAS, the fire service can help communities reduce the occurrence of arson and reduce its devastating effect by promoting safeguarding measures for their homes, buildings and property and raising awareness of the consequences of intentionally set fires; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the North Dakota Insurance Department and local fire departments partner with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to investigate fires and collaboratively strive to reduce arson across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
May 5-11, 2024, **ARSON AWARENESS WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE