## NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION ===

## AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE PROFESSIONALS MONTH JUNE 2023

WHEREAS, there are nearly 300 million vehicles in operation in the United States, and today's motor vehicles are highly complex with more advanced technology than ever before; and

WHEREAS, increasing vehicle complexity requires specialized tools and highly trained professionals to perform more and more vehicle repairs; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 1 million men and women employed as maintenance and repair technicians at general repair shops, vehicle dealerships and service stations across the United States; and

WHEREAS, these automotive service professionals perform essential service to the American motoring public by keeping their vehicles in safe, dependable operating condition, and they must keep up-to-date on ever-evolving vehicle systems and technologies to effectively perform vehicle maintenance and repairs; and

WHEREAS, the automotive industry plays a significant role in the economy, contributing to job creation, technological advancements and innovation; and

WHEREAS, the process to become an automotive service professional requires qualified work experience and passing a challenging test for each certification, and technicians are required to prove their technical knowledge by retesting every five years to keep their certifications current.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim June 2023, AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE PROFESSIONALS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum

Michael Howe SECRETARY OF STATE