NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION ===

CIVIL AIR PATROL DAY

DECEMBER 1, 2023

WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) was founded on December 1, 1941, to bolster national defense and has since served as a steadfast auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol was recognized by Congress in 1946 as a benevolent entity committed to fostering civilian engagement in the advancement of aviation and aerospace education, youth leadership development programs and emergency response initiatives; and

WHEREAS, in 1948, the Civil Air Patrol was officially designated as an auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, entrusted with critical missions of search and rescue, disaster relief and national security; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the Civil Air Patrol has played a crucial role during pivotal moments in history, from aerial reconnaissance in World War II to contemporary search and rescue operations while continuing to significantly contribute to homeland security and disaster response such as being the first aircraft in American skies after the September 11, 2001, attacks providing aerial surveillance and assessment to crash sites; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol's commitment to education enriches the lives of youth across the nation through a cadet program that offers scholarships, fosters leadership and promotes character development; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, embodying the core values of integrity, volunteer service, excellence and respect, continues to cultivate future leaders through exemplary aerospace education and rigorous cadet training; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the North Dakota Wing have dedicated themselves to elevating their community, safeguarding their neighbors and enhancing the quality of life in our state through selfless service and civic duty.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim December 1, 2023, CIVIL AIR PATROL DAY in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

Michael Howe SECRETARY OF STATE