

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

CIVIL AIR PATROL DAY DECEMBER 1, 2022

WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) was founded on December 1, 1941, to supplement civilian defense organizations and the United States military during World War II; and

WHEREAS, in 1946 Congress incorporated CAP as a nonprofit, volunteer civilian organization to provide an organization to encourage and aid American citizens in the development of aviation and maintenance of air supremacy, foster volunteerism among private citizens to the public welfare and provide aviation education and training to adult and youth members; and

WHEREAS, in 1948 CAP was designated as a civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, tasked by the secretary of the Air Force to fulfill noncombatant missions on behalf of the service, including humanitarian and search and rescue missions; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, CAP became a member of the Air Force's Total Force, joining the regular, National Guard, Air Force Reserve, civilian and auxiliary members as airmen when conducting missions for the Air Force; and

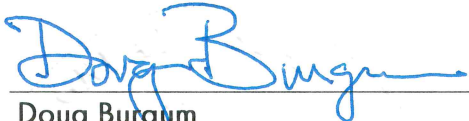
WHEREAS, since CAP's beginning, the organization has set itself apart during the country's most tumultuous times: deterring enemy submarine operations during World War II, supporting the Air Force's Ground Observer Corps in tracking suspected enemy aircraft in the 1950s, conducting aerial radiological monitoring of nuclear fallout, conducting counterdrug reconnaissance missions for law enforcement, assisting rescuers and state agencies immediately following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, heavily supporting hurricane relief efforts from the 1960s to the present day, responding to the Exxon Valdez and Deepwater Horizon oil spills and providing an array of support nationwide in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in its largest sustained operation since World War II, as well as aiding communities during other natural disasters such as floods, wildfires, ice storms and tornadoes; and

WHEREAS, CAP provides exceptional educational and growth opportunities for youths through its nearly 25,000-member-strong cadet program, which annually provides access to top national summer flight academies to learn to fly powered or glider aircraft, as well as to more than 30 national programs emphasizing leadership and careers in aviation; and

WHEREAS, CAP's aerospace education program annually touches more than 1,800 educators and more than 200,000 youths — cadets and others in classrooms across America — teaching multidisciplinary aviation concepts that emphasize aviation's connection to history, math, science, government and economics.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
December 1, 2022, CIVIL AIR PATROL DAY in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE