NORTH DAKOTA



COWBOY POETRY WEEK

APRIL 19-25, 2020

WHEREAS, throughout the history of the American West and North Dakota, cowboy poets have had an influential role in preserving western heritage and culture through oral and written poetry; and

WHEREAS, the long tradition and enduring qualities of these old stories and poems demonstrate that cowboy poetry is a cherished part of North Dakota's legendary history and culture; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota has produced well-respected contemporary cowboy poets and hosts important cowboy poetry gatherings in Medora and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize the important role cowboy poetry plays in preserving our state's rich heritage, while promoting the proud traditions and values of our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 19-25, 2020, COWBOY POETRY WEEK in the State of North Dakota.

OF NORTH OF

Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

Alvin A. Jaeger SECRETARY OF STATE