



State of  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**DAY OF PRAYER**  
MAY 3, 2018

**WHEREAS**, the 67th observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2018, with the theme "Pray for America: Unity" based on Ephesians 4:3, "Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace"; and

**WHEREAS**, a National Day of Prayer has been part of our heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775 and the United States Congress in 1952 approved a Joint Resolution setting aside a day each year to pray in our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress, by Public Law 100-307, in 1988, as amended, affirms that it is essential for us as a nation to pray and directs the President of the United States to set aside and proclaim the first Thursday of May annually as a National Day of Prayer; and

**WHEREAS**, leaders and citizens of our nation are afforded the privilege of prayer, affirming our spiritual heritage and the principles upon which our nation was founded; and

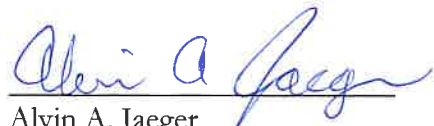
**WHEREAS**, recognizing the love and power of God, we unite with fellow citizens to exercise the freedom we have to gather in prayer with thankfulness while seeking guidance, provision, protection and purpose for the benefit of every individual and our state as a whole; and


**WHEREAS**, we specifically thank God for those who defend our freedoms and ask for peace throughout our state, nation and world.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 3, 2018, **DAY OF PRAYER** in the State of North Dakota.

  
Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State

  
Deputy