

## ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH MAY 2022

WHEREAS, hundreds of people die and thousands are injured each year in the United States as a result of electrically related incidents; and

WHEREAS, on average, there are 430 civilian deaths related to electrical home structure fires each year; and

WHEREAS, property damage resulting from home fires caused by electrical failure or malfunction amounts to more than \$1.3 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, 6.4 workplace injuries occur daily in the United States from electrically related incidents; and

WHEREAS, following basic electrical safety precautions can help prevent thousands of people from being injured or killed each year; and

WHEREAS, citizens are encouraged to inspect their homes and workplaces for possible electrical hazards; and

WHEREAS, citizens are advised to protect their homes and families with the latest safety technology, such as ground-fault circuit interrupters, arc-fault circuit interrupters, surge protective devices and tamper resistant receptacles; and

WHEREAS, citizens are urged to install, test and properly maintain an adequate number of smoke alarms.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 2022, ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger SECRETARY OF STATE