## NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION ==

## OCTOBER 10, 2020

WHEREAS, Electronic Records Day is a day to raise awareness among government agencies, related professional organizations, the general public and other stakeholders about the crucial role electronic records play in our world; and

WHEREAS, there is an increasing reliance on information technology, and the challenge to manage, preserve and provide access to digital records and information continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, electronic records are subject to changes in software and hardware that can leave them virtually inaccessible after just a few years if not monitored; and

WHEREAS, electronic records require proactive management at the time the records are created; and

WHEREAS, electronic records should be evaluated according to their information content, not their format, and be subject to the same retention schedules and public records requirements as physical records; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of the importance of properly handling electronic records will protect their access and use in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 10, 2020, ELECTRONIC RECORDS DAY in the State of North Dakota.

OF NORTH DAY

Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE