



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

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**EMERALD ASH BORER AWARENESS WEEK**  
MAY 21-27, 2017

**WHEREAS**, more than 78 million ash trees exist in the forests of the great State of North Dakota, enhancing our state's air and water quality, natural landscapes, recreational destinations, wildlife habitats, property values, and local economies; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 48 percent of community trees in North Dakota are ash, helping residents reduce heating and cooling costs, reducing air pollution and storm water runoff, increasing property values, and making our towns and cities some of the most beautiful in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, spring marks the beginning of the travel and tourism season in North Dakota and increasing public awareness and understanding of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), a destructive exotic beetle, will benefit the State of North Dakota by curtailing the spread of the beetle through the movement of firewood; and

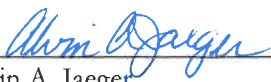
**WHEREAS**, efforts undertaken in North Dakota, in partnership with private and nonprofit organizations; universities; and local, state, tribal, and federal agencies are helping to protect the millions of ash trees in the state, and by employing a cooperative spirit and encouraging environmental stewardship and partnerships ultimately reduces the risk to the nation's ash resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week is an opportunity for the government to join forces with environmental groups, community organizations, schools, businesses, industry, tourists, and citizens to act against the spread and introduction of EAB.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
May 21-27, 2017, **EMERALD ASH BORER AWARENESS WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.

  
Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State