

## FAIR HOUSING MONTH APRIL 2023

WHEREAS, one of the greatest freedoms enjoyed by Americans is the freedom to live in a home of one's choice; and

WHEREAS, equal opportunity for all regardless of background is a fundamental goal of North Dakota state law; and

WHEREAS, access to housing of an individual's choice contributes significantly to quality of life; and

WHEREAS, this April marks the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Fair Housing Act by President Lyndon B. Johnson; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota law has prohibited discrimination in housing since 1983, and North Dakota passed the 1999 Housing Discrimination Act authorizing the Department of Labor and Human Rights to investigate complaints alleging discriminatory housing practices; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota continues to affirmatively further fair housing by working to eliminate discrimination in housing and to provide citizens with the opportunity to live in safe and affordable housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 2023, FAIR HOUSING MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum

GOVERNOR

Michael Howe SECRETARY OF STATE