## NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION ===

## FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL WEEKEND MAY 4-5, 2024

WHEREAS, North Dakota has more than 300 volunteer and career fire departments across our rural and urban communities, staffed by dedicated men and women selflessly serving their neighbors in times of need; and

WHEREAS, firefighting is acknowledged as one of our nation's most hazardous professions; and

WHEREAS, volunteer and career firefighters place themselves in harm's way to protect the lives and property of North Dakotans; and

WHEREAS, firefighters have responded day and night, in freezing weather to the hottest days of summer, to ensure fire protection in all areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, in addition to fighting fires when they occur, volunteer and career firefighters provide leadership in fire prevention and control, for fire training and education, during natural disasters and through emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, volunteer and career firefighters are often leaders in their communities, contributing to community engagement and serving as role models for our youth; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans extend their sincere appreciation and gratitude to the volunteer and career firefighters who protect our families and communities through their bravery, dedication and sacrifice.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 4-5, 2024, FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL WEEKEND in the State of North Dakota.

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Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

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