

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 9-15, 2022

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires caused 2,580 civilian deaths in the United States in 2020, according to the National Fire Protection Association, and fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 home fires; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota, State Fire Marshal, NDSU-North Dakota Forest Service and North Dakota Department of Emergency Services are committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half — smoke alarms sense smoke well before residents can, alerting them to danger in the event of fire in which they may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

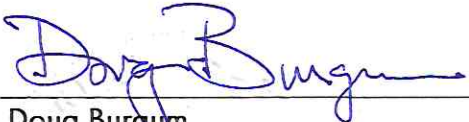
WHEREAS, North Dakota residents who are responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota residents are encouraged to make sure smoke and carbon monoxide alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.," effectively serves to remind North Dakotans it is important to have a home fire escape plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
October 9-15, 2022, FIRE PREVENTION WEEK in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Alvin A. Jaeger  
SECRETARY OF STATE