

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 8-14, 2023

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, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States, and fire departments responded to more than 166,400 cooking-related fires annually between 2016 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, home fires caused 2,800 civilian deaths in the United States, and fire departments in the United States responded to 338,000 home fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota, the State Fire Marshal, NDSU-North Dakota Forest Service and the 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

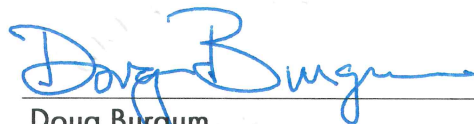
WHEREAS, North Dakota first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and


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 North Dakotans 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, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention.," the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
October 8-14, 2023, FIRE PREVENTION WEEK in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE