



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
FLAG DAY 2017
125th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
JUNE 14, 2017

WHEREAS, Americans will also observe Flag Day on June 14, 2017, a traditional time to honor the United States' symbol of freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, we also commemorate another significant milestone in the history of the United States—the 125th anniversary of the Pledge of Allegiance; and

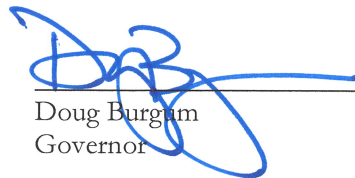
WHEREAS, the historic oath was written in 1892 by Francis Bellamy for the National Public School Celebration of Columbus Day, as the country prepared to observe the 400th anniversary of America's discovery by Christopher Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the simple yet eloquent words of the Pledge of Allegiance capture both the character of the American people and the principles upon which our nation was founded. One of the most widely recited verses in American literature, the Pledge of Allegiance, offers us an opportunity to reaffirm our belief in the very foundation of government and in the cherished goals towards which we continually strive; and

WHEREAS, we, as Americans, are a diverse group of people united by what we believe. We believe that all men are created equal; we believe in freedom; and we believe in equal opportunity and justice for all. We rededicate ourselves to these eternal truths every time we pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, if we are to protect our precious freedoms, we must ensure that our children and their children understand the ideals embodied in the Pledge of Allegiance. We must instill in future generations a love for liberty and respect for democracy. We must also teach young people about the significance of responsible citizenship, community service, volunteerism, and the impact the historic oath has had on the social and cultural fabric of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim June 14, 2017, **FLAG DAY**, as well honor the **125th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** in the State of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State