state of NORTH DAKOTA

FORENSIC SCIENCE WEEK SEPTEMBER 19-25, 2021

PROCLAMATIO

WHEREAS, the mission of the North Dakota Office of Attorney General – Crime Laboratory Division is to provide laboratory services in criminal matters in the State of North Dakota, support the criminal justice system with quality and timely services, and advance the understanding of forensic science in order to promote public safety; and

WHEREAS, Forensic Science is a vital public service and access to quality forensic analysis dramatically improves the investigation of criminal activity, leading to the exoneration of the innocent and prosecution of the guilty; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is home to the North Dakota Office of Attorney General – Crime Laboratory Division, an accredited laboratory since 2007 and an internationally accredited laboratory since 2012 that is home to preeminent scientists and staff dedicated to providing the criminal justice system and North Dakota residents with unbiased, accurate and reliable analysis of evidence recovered from crime scenes; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Office of Attorney General – Crime Laboratory Division is staffed by highly educated, trained and certified professionals; and

WHEREAS, staff from the North Dakota Office of Attorney General – Crime Laboratory Division continued working in the Laboratory despite the COVID-19 pandemic to provide forensic services to support the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, Forensic Science Week presents an opportunity for every North Dakotan to recognize the efforts of the professionals who work tirelessly at the North Dakota Office of Attorney General – Crime Laboratory Division, and to thank each of them for their efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 19-25, 2021, FORENSIC SCIENCE WEEK in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger SECRETARY OF STATE