

FORENSIC SCIENCE WEEK SEPTEMBER 18-24, 2022

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, and 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 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, the North Dakota Office of Attorney General – Crime Laboratory Division partners with federal agencies to build and maintain databases relating to DNA and federal, state and local agencies to ensure public safety; and

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

WHEREAS, September 18-24, 2022, is recognized nationally as National Forensic Science Week; and 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 for their commitment to quality and unbiased scientific analysis to assist in the administration of justice, and to thank each of them for their efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 18-24, 2022, FORENSIC SCIENCE WEEK in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger SECRETARY OF STATE