

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

GRAIN BIN SAFETY WEEK

FEBRUARY 16-22, 2020

WHEREAS, the safety of farm and agricultural workers in North Dakota is of the utmost importance; and

WHEREAS, within seconds, an individual can be completely engulfed in flowing grain or overcome by an oxygen-deficient atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, grain production, handling and transportation is a significant industry in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, due to increased training and more public awareness, deaths from grain bin entrapments declined until 2014; in that year 38 documented grain entrapments resulted in 17 deaths nationally; and

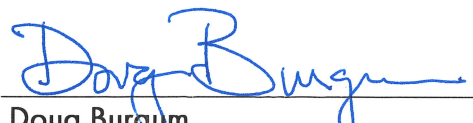
WHEREAS, in 2018, 30 documented grain entrapments resulted in 15 deaths nationally; and

WHEREAS, Grain Bin Safety Week is an annual observance that occurs the third full week of February to promote grain bin safety on farms and commercial grain-handling facilities; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to help reduce the number of preventable injuries and deaths associated with grain handling and storage, through education and awareness of hazards and safe work practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 16-22, 2020, **GRAIN BIN SAFETY WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE