

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

GRAIN BIN SAFETY WEEK

FEBRUARY 21-27, 2021

WHEREAS, the safety of farm and agricultural workers is of utmost important to this state; and

WHEREAS, it takes only seconds to be completely engulfed in flowing grain or overcome by oxygen-deficient atmospheres; and

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

WHEREAS, in 2019, there were 67 documented agricultural confined space-related injuries and fatalities across the United States, an increase of 9 percent over the cases reported in 2018; of these cases, there were 38 documented grain entrapment cases, and 58 percent of the 38 victims entrapped in grain resulted in fatality; and

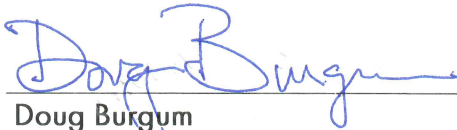
WHEREAS, Grain Bin Safety Week is an annual observance that occurs the third full week of February to promote grain bin safety on farms and commercial grain-handling facilities; and

WHEREAS, grain operators, farmers and employees 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; and

WHEREAS, through education and awareness of hazards and safe work practices and procedures, the State of North Dakota aims to reduce the number of preventable injuries and deaths associated with grain handling and storage.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 21-27, 2021, **GRAIN BIN SAFETY WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE