



State of  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

Doug Burgum  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**GRAIN BIN SAFETY WEEK**  
FEBRUARY 17-25, 2017

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

**WHEREAS**, it takes only seconds to 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 have continued to decline each year; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, 24 documented grain entrapments resulted in 14 deaths nationally, including one in North Dakota; 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 17-25, 2017, **GRAIN BIN SAFETY WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

  
Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State