



State of
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
GRAIN BIN SAFETY WEEK
FEBRUARY 18-24, 2018

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

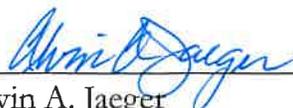
WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to help reduce the number of preventable injuries and deaths associated with grain handling and storage, through education and awareness of hazards and safe work practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 18-24, 2018, **GRAIN BIN SAFETY WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State