

PROCLAMATION IMAGINE A DAY WITHOUT WATER OCTOBER 10, 2018

WHEREAS, the "Imagine a Day Without Water" campaign, held October 10, 2018, is an organized effort to highlight the critical importance of reliable access to clean water in our lives and the investment in infrastructure that is necessary to protect this valuable resource; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure that brings water to and from homes and businesses is essential to the quality of life and economic vitality of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota residents on average utilize 118 gallons of water per person, per day; and

WHEREAS, water crises across the country, ranging from contaminated water, to drought, to flooding, demonstrate the severe impacts of lack of access to clean drinking water; and

WHEREAS, utilities nationwide are grappling with aging infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, managing water responsibly is critical to our State's public and environmental health and to a high quality of life through economic commerce, power generation and recreation; and

WHEREAS, innovation in water conservation and water reuse will drive job growth, and economic development and establish a 21st century paradigm of water management in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 10, 2018, **IMAGINE A DAY WITHOUT WATER** in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum Governor

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State