



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
INFRASTRUCTURE DAY
AUGUST 16, 2018

WHEREAS, North Dakota has over 106,000 miles of roads, 5,847 bridges and 1,471 miles of rail; and

WHEREAS, the totality of modern infrastructure includes roads, bridges and rail, as well as water and sewer systems, airports, broadband internet services, energy pipelines and transmission networks, multimodal transportation opportunities and more; and

WHEREAS, many industries and businesses depend on infrastructure to support their operations, to assist in the delivery of services and to allow access to markets. Infrastructure is the bedrock of our nation's economy and supports millions of jobs across the country; and

WHEREAS, infrastructure impacts the lives of all North Dakotans, from rural roads, rails and pipelines carrying farm and energy commodities to market, to airports, interstate highways and broadband internet services that connect North Dakota to the rest of the nation and world, to revitalized city centers where sewer and water lines support infill development; and

WHEREAS, modern infrastructure such as broadband internet is critical to attracting, retaining and supporting a capable and competitive 21st century workforce in today's data-intensive, global economy; and

WHEREAS, innovative infrastructure investment will support the ability of North Dakota to continue to lead the nation in UAS technology and embrace emerging technologies such as autonomous vehicles; and

WHEREAS, high-quality infrastructure is needed to enhance safety for our citizens and meet the Vision Zero initiative of eliminating fatalities and serious injuries caused by motor vehicle crashes; and

WHEREAS, investing in multimodal transportation, including walking and biking, supports healthy lifestyles and our local economies in communities where families and individuals choose to live and work; and

WHEREAS, smart, efficient infrastructure supports healthy, vibrant communities and contributes to fiscal sustainability in communities of all sizes, helping them grow and support a 21st century workforce; and

WHEREAS, the future of infrastructure and the need for intentional infrastructure investment is of importance to all North Dakotans.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim August 16, 2018, **INFRASTRUCTURE DAY** in the State of North Dakota.

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Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:

A blue ink signature of Alvin A. Jaeger, written over a horizontal line.

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State