## NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION ===

## LAKES APPRECIATION MONTH JULY 2022

WHEREAS, North Dakota is home to more than 400 bodies of water in every corner of the state with breath-taking lakes and reservoirs, including Lake Sakakawea, one of the country's largest reservoirs, with 1,530 miles of shoreline, all of which provide readily accessible fishing and water recreation opportunities; and

WHEREAS, lakes and reservoirs are essential water storage facilities; and

WHEREAS, lakes are an important part of North Dakota's way of life and the state's environment; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's lakes support healthy, outdoor activity and contribute to healthy, vibrant communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, lakes are sources of recreation, scenic beauty and habitats for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's lakes are a valuable economic resource for businesses, tourism, fisheries and municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, many organizations and volunteers have demonstrated the importance of protecting the quality of North Dakota's lakes by actively monitoring their water quality.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim July 2022, LAKES APPRECIATION MONTH in the State of North Dakota.

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Doug Burgum

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