

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

LAKES APPRECIATION MONTH

JULY 2023

WHEREAS, North Dakota is home to more than 400 bodies of water in every corner of the state with breathtaking 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 and reservoirs support healthy, outdoor activity and contribute to healthy, vibrant communities across the state; and

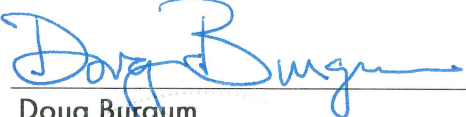
WHEREAS, lakes are sources of recreation, scenic beauty and habitats for wildlife; and

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

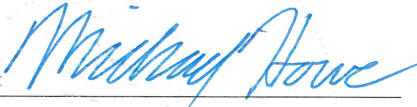
WHEREAS, many organizations and volunteers have demonstrated the importance of protecting North Dakota's lakes by actively monitoring their water quality.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
July 2023, LAKES APPRECIATION MONTH in the State of North Dakota.





Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 

Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE