NORTH DAKOTA

= PROCLAMATION ===

LAW DAY MAY 1, 2024

WHEREAS, in 1958 President Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed Law Day to honor the role of law in the creation of the United States of America, and in 1961 Congress issued a joint resolution declaring May 1, Law Day; and

WHEREAS, at times throughout our nation's history, there have been divisions in society, aggravated by incivility in public discourse and insufficient understanding about the Constitution and the way American government works — even the founding generation overcame deep divisions to craft our great charter of government; and

WHEREAS, despite more than two centuries of progress, our democracy remains imperfect; and

WHEREAS, today, many Americans say they do not intend to vote, or believe that that their votes do not matter, or are afraid to speak their minds or be who they are for fear of being ostracized or even harmed; and

WHEREAS, members of the legal profession should lead the way in promoting democracy by taking individual responsibility not only to speak up and vote but also to find the courage to listen, to respect and to agree on paths forward toward a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Law Day 2024 is "Voices of Democracy," and we encourage all Americans to participate in the 2024 elections by deepening their understanding of the electoral process; discussing issues in honest and civil ways; turning out to vote; and, finally, helping to move the country forward after free and fair elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 1, 2024, LAW DAY in the State of North Dakota.

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Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

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